

BEFORE THE WASHINGTON PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of the Application of)	
CASCADE NATURAL GAS CORPORATION)		
for Transfer of the Certificate of Public)	CAUSE NO. U-9253
Convenience and Necessity to Operate a)	
Gas Plant for Hire from the City of)	ORDER TRANSFERRING AND
Moses Lake to Applicant and to amend)	AMENDING CERTIFICATE
Cascade Natural Gas Corporation's)	
Certificate.)	
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The Cascade Natural Gas Corporation, a Washington corporation, filed with the Commission on October 26, 1960, an application for the transfer to Cascade of the Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity to Operate a Gas Plant for Hire No. 13, presently held by the City of Moses Lake. By letter of November 11, 1960, the City of Moses Lake also requests that its Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity to Operate a Gas Plant for Hire be transferred to the Cascade Natural Gas Corporation.

The City of Moses Lake has for several years operated a natural gas system for hire within the corporate limits of the City of Moses Lake. As a result of negotiations between the city council and officials of the Cascade Company, the council passed an ordinance, which, subject to the approval of the voters, would sell and transfer its gas system to the Cascade Natural Gas Corporation. The Commission has been informed that a majority of the voters ratified said ordinance at a special election held November 8, 1960. The city's gas system can now be transferred to Cascade Natural Gas Corporation and operated by that utility.

Cascade presently holds Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity to Operate a Gas Plant for Hire No. 4 amended, issued September 29, 1960, in Cause No. U-9239. The gas certificate now held by Cascade encompasses areas in various sections of the state including an area in Grant County contiguous to the area presently certificated to the City of Moses Lake. Cascade is also certificated and operates gas systems in and near Wenatchee and the Tri-City Area of Pasco-Kennewick and Richland.

Based on its knowledge of Cascade's operations the Commission believes that the Company will be able to economically operate the Moses Lake gas system and provide adequate and efficient service. Public convenience or necessity require that Cascade Natural Gas Corporation be certificated for the area presently certificated to the City of Moses Lake.

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. Cascade Natural Gas Corporation, a Washington corporation, operates a gas plant for hire within this state and is subject to the jurisdiction of this Commission.
2. Cascade Natural Gas Corporation has heretofore been issued Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity to Operate a Gas Plant for Hire No. 4 amended, in Cause No. U-9239, dated September 29, 1960.

3. The City of Moses Lake is a municipal corporation organized and existing under the laws of the State of Washington and has heretofore been issued Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity to Operate a Gas Plant for Hire No. 13, in Cause No. U-8962, dated August 6, 1957.

4. The Moses Lake City Council passed an ordinance subject to ratification by the voters, providing for the sale of the city's natural gas system to the Cascade Natural Gas Corporation.

5. By letter of November 11, 1960, the Commission has been informed a majority of the voters of Moses Lake on November 8, 1960, approved the sale of the city's gas system to the Cascade Natural Gas Corporation.

6. The City of Moses Lake requests that its Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity to Operate a Gas Plant for Hire No. 13, be transferred to the Cascade Natural Gas Corporation.

7. The Cascade Natural Gas Corporation made application that its Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity to Operate a Gas Plant for Hire be amended to encompass that area certificated to the City of Moses Lake.

8. Cascade Natural Gas Corporation is presently certificated for an area in Grant County contiguous to the Moses Lake area.

9. Cascade Natural Gas Corporation is fully qualified to economically operate the Moses Lake gas system and provide adequate and sufficient service.

10. The operation of the Moses Lake gas system by Cascade Natural Gas Corporation is required by public convenience and necessity.

11. The Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity to Operate a Gas Plant for Hire No. 13, issued to the City of Moses Lake, should be transferred to the Cascade Natural Gas Corporation.

ORDER

1. It Is Hereby Ordered That the application of the City of Moses Lake to transfer its Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity to Operate a Gas Plant for Hire to the Cascade Natural Gas Corporation is approved.

2. It is Further Ordered That the application of the Cascade Natural Gas Corporation to amend its present Certificate of Convenience and Necessity to Operate a Gas Plant for Hire to include the area previously certificated to the City of Moses Lake is approved and the company's present Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity to Operate a Gas Plant for Hire be amended to encompass the following portion of Grant County:

Beginning at the northeast corner of Sec. 5, T. 19 N., R. 29 E. W. M., in Grant County, Washington; thence westerly along the northern boundary of said Sec. 5, and Sec. 6, T. 19 N., R. 29 E., and along the northern boundary of Secs. 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5, of T. 19 N., R. 28 E., to a point where said boundary intersects the westerly meander line of Moses Lake; thence in a southerly direction along said meander line to the southerly meander line of Moses Lake; thence easterly along said meander line to the easterly meander line of Moses Lake; thence northerly along said meander line to a point where it intersects the southern boundary of

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Sec. 4, T. 18 N., R. 28 E.; thence easterly along the southern boundary of Secs. 4, and 3, T. 18 N., R. 28 E., to the southeast corner of said Sec. 3; thence northerly along the eastern boundary of said Sec. 3 to the northeast corner thereof, thence easterly along the southern boundary of Sec. 35, T. 19 N., R. 28 E. to the southeast corner of said Sec. 35, thence northerly along the eastern boundary of said Sec. 35 to the northeast corner thereof; thence easterly along the southern boundary of Sec. 25, T. 19 N., R. 28 E., and along the southern boundaries of Secs. 30, 29, and 28, T. 19 N., R. 28 E., to the southeast corner of said Sec. 28, thence southerly along the western boundary of Sec. 34, T. 19 N., R. 29 E., to the southwest corner of said Sec. 34, thence easterly along the southern boundary of said Sec. 34 to the southeast corner thereof; thence southerly along the western boundary of Sec. 2, T. 18 N., R. 29 E., to the southwest corner of said Sec. 2, thence easterly along the southern boundary of said Sec. 2, and of Sec. 1, T. 18 N., R. 29 N., to the southeast corner thereof; thence northerly along the eastern boundary of said Sec. 1, and along the eastern boundary of Sec. 36, T. 19 N., R. 29 N., to the northeast corner thereof; thence westerly along the northern boundary of said Sec. 36, and along the northern boundary of Sec. 35, T. 19 N., R. 29 E., to the northwest corner thereof; thence northerly along the eastern boundary of Sec. 27, T. 19 N., R. 29 E., to the northeast corner thereof, thence westerly along the northern boundary of said Sec. 27, to the northwest corner of said Sec. 27; thence northerly along the eastern boundary of Sec. 21, T. 19 N., R. 29 E., to the northeast corner thereof, thence westerly along the northern boundary of said Sec. 21, to the northwest corner of said Sec. 21; thence northerly along the eastern boundaries of Secs. 17, 8, and 5, T. 19 N., R. 29 E., to the northeast corner of said Sec. 5, the point of beginning.

As further shown on Appendix A-15 amended, attached hereto and by this reference made a part hereof.

3. It is Further Ordered That the Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity to Operate a Gas Plant for Hire issued pursuant to Order Paragraphs No. 1 and 2 above, supersedes and cancels Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity to Operate a Gas Plant for Hire No. 4, as amended and issued to Cascade Natural Gas Corporation on September 29, 1960, in Cause No. U-9239. Said Certificate of September 29, 1960, should be forthwith returned to this Commission.

4. It is Further Ordered That the Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity to Operate a Gas Plant for Hire issued pursuant to Order Paragraphs No. 1 and 2 above, cancels Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity to Operate a Gas Plant for Hire No. 13, issued to the City of Moses Lake on August 6, 1957, in Cause No. U-8962. Said Certificate of August 6, 1957, should be forthwith returned to this Commission.

5. It Is Further Ordered That the Certificate issued pursuant to Order Paragraph No. 2 above, is subject to the terms, conditions and provisions of the orders in Cause Nos. U-9047, U-9055, U-9194, and U-9239, pursuant to which Cascade Natural Gas Corporation was granted its present Certificate.

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6. It is Further Ordered That jurisdiction over this Cause is retained to effectuate the provisions of this order.

DATED at Olympia, Washington, and effective this 18th day of November, 1960.

WASHINGTON PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

Francis Pearson

FRANCIS PEARSON, Chairman

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