

BEFORE THE WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

In the Matter of the Application )  
of CASCADE NATURAL GAS CORPORATION )  
for a Certificate of Public Con- )  
venience and Necessity to Operate )  
a Gas Plant for Hire in the general )  
area or areas of Whatcom, Skagit, )  
Kitsap, Mason and Franklin Counties, )  
Washington. )  
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CAUSE NO. U-9708

ORDER GRANTING  
APPLICATION

July 27, 1966, Cascade Natural Gas Corporation, a Wash-  
ington corporation, filed in Cause No. U-9708, an application to  
amend its Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity to  
Operate a Gas Plant for Hire, No. 4 amended, to include various  
additional areas in Whatcom County, Skagit County, Kitsap County,  
Mason County and Franklin County, Washington.

Cascade is presently certificated for and is now pro-  
viding gas service to certain areas in all the above-noted counties.  
With the exception of a small area in Whatcom County, the addition-  
al areas applied for are contiguous to the company's present serv-  
ice areas. The company states it is serving customers at the ex-  
treme borders of its certificated areas and the additional areas  
are required to meet normal growth and necessary expansion into  
the uncertificated areas. Cascade has also requested it be certi-  
ficated for the nonincorporated communities of Deming and Acme in  
Whatcom County. Both of the communities are close to the main  
pipeline of the El Paso Natural Gas Company and natural gas serv-  
ice may be readily provided with very little investment on the part  
of Cascade.

In its application, the company requests clarification  
of its Gas Certificate with reference to a small part of Clark  
County located just south of Woodland in Cowlitz County. The  
north fork of the Lewis River, as well as the main stem of that  
river, marks the boundary line between Cowlitz and Clark Counties.  
A number of years ago in relocating a state highway just south of  
Woodland, the north fork of the Lewis River was routed to a new  
channel for a short distance. As a result of the change in the  
river channel, a small horseshoe-shaped piece of Clark County  
was isolated by the new river channel from the main part of Clark  
County. The metes and bounds delineation of Cascade's present  
certificate for Woodland and adjacent area in Cowlitz County  
states the channel of the Lewis River will mark part of the bound-  
ary of the certificated area. There is no reference to Clark County.  
The map associated with the metes and bounds follows the original  
channel of the Lewis River with the result the small horseshoe  
part of Clark County is not encompassed in Cascade's certificate.  
An examination of Northwest Natural Gas Company's certificate for  
Clark County shows the area in question to be certificated to that  
company. Cascade has discussed the matter with representatives of

Northwest and that company has no objection to including the area in Cascade's certificate. The metes and bounds and map covering Woodland and adjacent area should be modified to remove any doubt about Cascade's right to serve that part of Clark County.

#### FINDINGS OF FACT

1. Cascade Natural Gas Corporation, a Washington corporation, operates a gas plant for hire in 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.

3. Cascade Natural Gas Corporation filed an application that its Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity to Operate a Gas Plant for Hire be amended to encompass additional areas contiguous to its presently certificated areas in Skagit, Whatcom, Kitsap, Mason and Franklin Counties, and the nonincorporated communities of Deming and Acme in Whatcom County.

4. Based on Cascade Natural Gas Corporation's feasibility study, it appears the company's plan to provide gas service in the additional areas applied for is economically justified.

5. The operation of a gas plant for hire in the additional areas requested by the Cascade Natural Gas Corporation is or will be required by public convenience and necessity.

6. The Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity to Operate a Gas Plant for Hire presently held by the Cascade Natural Gas Corporation should be amended to encompass the additional areas applied for in this Cause.

#### O R D E R

1. IT IS HEREBY ORDERED That the application of the Cascade Natural Gas Corporation to amend its Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity to Operate a Gas Plant for Hire to encompass the nonincorporated communities of Acme and Deming in Whatcom County, and additional areas contiguous to its presently certificated areas in Franklin, Kitsap, Mason, Skagit and Whatcom Counties, 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 areas delineated as follows:

(a) All of the incorporated area comprising the Cities of Bellingham, Ferndale, Lynden, Nooksack, Everson, Sumas, and additional portions of Whatcom County adjacent thereto, lying within the area described as follows:

thence easterly along said county boundary to a point where said boundary intersects the east line of Sec. 28, T. 9 N., R. 31 E.; thence south along the east line of Secs. 28 and 33, T. 9 N., R. 31 E., and along the east line of Secs. 4, 9, 16 and 21, T. 8 N., R. 31 E., to the southeast corner of said Sec. 21; thence east along the north line of Secs. 27 and 26, T. 8 N., R. 31 E., to the northeast corner of said Sec. 26; thence south along the east line of Secs. 26 and 35, T. 8 N., R. 31 E., and along the east line of Secs. 2, 11, 14, 23, 26 and 35, T. 7 N., R. 31 E., to the southeast corner of said Sec. 35; thence west along the south line of Secs. 35, 34 and 33, T. 7 N., R. 31 E., to the intersection of said line with the boundary between Benton and Walla Walla Counties; thence northerly along said boundary to a point where said boundary intersects the south line of Sec. 8, T. 7 N., R. 31 E.; thence west along the south line of Secs. 8 and 7, T. 7 N., R. 31 E., to the southwest corner of said Sec. 7; thence northwesterly to the northwest corner of Sec. 20, T. 8 N., R. 30 E.; thence west along the south line of Sec. 18, T. 8 N., R. 30 E., and along the south line of Secs. 13, 14, 15, 16, 17 and 18, T. 8 N., R. 29 E., to the southwest corner of said Sec. 18; thence northwesterly to the southwest corner of Sec. 17, T. 9 N., R. 28 E.; thence north along the west line of Secs. 17, 8 and 5, T. 9 N., R. 28 E., and along the west line of Secs. 32, 29, 20 and 17, T. 10 N., R. 28 E., to the point of beginning,

and as further shown on Appendix A-12 (amended), attached hereto and by this reference made a part hereof.

(g) Areas within Whatcom County including the unincorporated towns of Deming and Acme described as follows:

Secs. 25 and 36, T. 39 N., R. 4 E.; Secs. 29, 30, 31 and 32, T. 39 N., R. 5 E.; Secs. 5 and 6, T. 38 N., R. 5 E.; and Sec. 1, T. 38 N., R. 4 E. *done*

Secs. 5, 6, 7 and 8, T. 37 N., R. 5 E.,

and as further shown on Appendix A-18, attached hereto and by this reference made a part hereof.

2. IT IS FURTHER ORDERED That the Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity to Operate a Gas Plant for Hire issued pursuant to Order Paragraph No. 1 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 April 30, 1965, in Cause No. U-9600. Said Certificate of April 30, 1965, should be forthwith returned to this Commission.

3. IT IS FURTHER ORDERED That the Certificate issued pursuant to Order Paragraph No. 1 above, is subject to the terms,

conditions and provisions of the Orders in Cause Nos. U-8841, U-8843, U-8937, U-9047, U-9052, U-9194, U-9238, U-9239, U-9253, U-9263, U-9264, U-9360, U-9388, U-9394 and U-9407, U-9450, U-9467, U-9469, U-9596, and U-9600, pursuant to which Cascade Natural Gas Corporation was issued its present Certificate.

4. 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 12th day of September, 1966.

WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

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FRANCIS PEARSON, Chairman

*Patrick D. Sutherland*  
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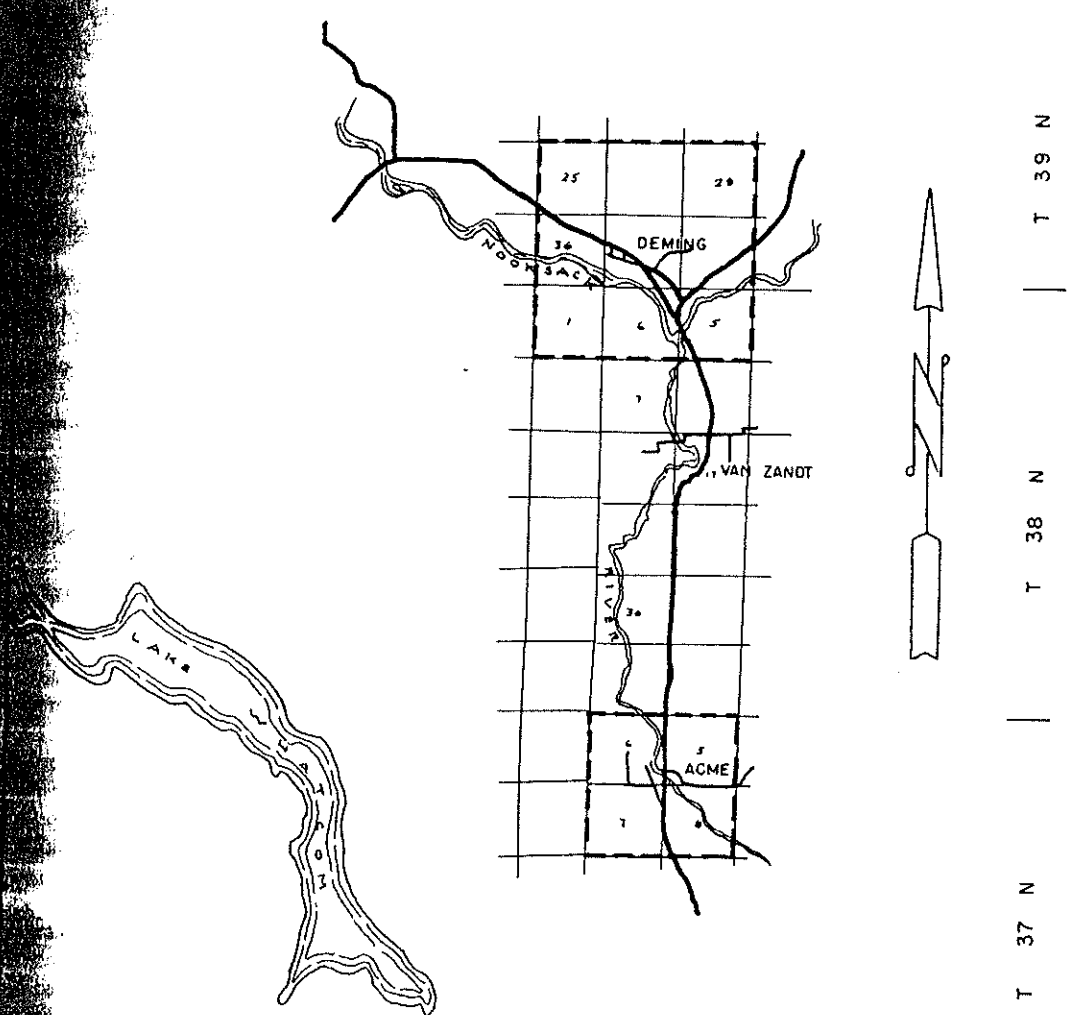
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APPENDIX A-18  
 CAUSE NO. U-9708  
 CASCADE NATURAL GAS CORPORATION  
 BOUNDARY OF SERVICE AREAS - - - - -  
 WHATCOM COUNTY

WASHINGTON  
 UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION  
 COMMISSION

DATE: SEPT. 12, 1966 BY: TW

July 15, 1966.

3. Northwest Natural Gas Company has been certificated