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Re: Service Area Expansion – West Richland Keene Road Corridor Expansion

Dear Mr. Johnson:

Cascade Natural Gas Corporation, herein referred to as Cascade, hereby submits an application to amend its Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity to Operate a Gas Plant for Hire in the West Richland Keene Road area located in Benton County, Washington. This request expands the Company’s service area in Benton County. In support of this request, additional information is summarized below:

1. Application: Enclosed is a check in the amount of twenty-five dollars and a completed application form.
2. Applicants for Natural Gas Service: Cascade has received numerous requests for natural gas service along the Keene Rd. corridor within the proposed expansion area.
3. Description of Project: The Keene Rd. corridor is the primary area of growth in the town of West Richland. Developers are currently working on numerous projects along this corridor. There are a projected 4,000 residential homes as well as commercial and light industrial facilities planned in this area over the next 20 years. The initial phase of this project will consist of 13,000’ of 6” intermediate pressure PE pipe. The initial phase will serve approximately 1,000 new residential homes and apartments along with 14 acres of commercial property with an intent by the developers to service all new growth with natural gas.
4. Economic Feasibility: Cascade plans to utilize its Rule 8 “Extension of Distribution Facilities” tariff to determine economic feasibility of expanding the distribution system into this area. The economic feasibility of the proposed main extension is shown on Exhibits A1-A5. As previously stated, Cascade anticipates that it will take 20 years before the actual system in this area will reach the described buildout of 4,000 residential

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units, and commercial and light industrial facilities in the above description. Details for estimated direct costs of Phase 1 are shown in the Cost Calculation section on Exhibits A1-A5.

5. Maps and Legal Descriptions: Enclosed as Exhibit B1 to the Application is a map and the legal description is as follows: Beginning at the northwest corner of Sec. 23, T. 10N., R. 27 E., and the True Point of Beginning: thence east along the north line of Secs 23 and 24, T. 10N., R. 27 E., the north line of Sec. 19, T. 10N., R. 28E., to the northeast corner of Sec. 19, T. 10N., R. 28 E., thence south along the east line of Secs. 19, 30 and 31, T. 10N., R. 28 E., to the southeast corner of Sec. 31, T. 10N., R. 28 E., thence west along the south line of Secs. 31 and 36, T. 10N., R. 28 E., to the southwest corner of Sec. 36, T. 10N., R. 27 E., thence south along the east line of Secs. 2 and 11, T. 9N., R. 27 E., to the southeast corner of Sec. 11, T. 9N., R. 27 E., thence west along the south line of Sec. 11, T. 9n., R. 27 E., to the southwest corner of Sec. 11, T. 9N., R. 27 E., thence north along the west line of Secs. 11 and 2, T. 9N., R. 27 E., Secs. 35, 26, and 23, T. 10N., R 27E., to the northwest corner of Sec. 23, T. 10N., R. 27 E., and the True Point of Beginning.
6. Distribution System Capacity: Adequate capacity exists on the gas system to supply the customers in the area outlined for both the present state of the system as well as for growth for the foreseeable future.
7. Benton County Franchise: A copy of Cascade's current franchise agreement in West Richland is attached as Exhibit C1.

Cascade personnel are available to provide additional information regarding this application. If there are any additional questions or comments, please contact Michael Parvinen @ 509-734-4593.

Sincerely,



Michael Parvinen
Director, Regulatory Affairs

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