

BEFORE THE WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

In the Matter of the Application)
of CASCADE NATURAL GAS CORPORATION)
to Amend its Certificate of Public) DOCKET UG-961077
Convenience and Necessity to)
Operate a Gas Plant for Hire in) ORDER GRANTING
the General Area of Whatcom County) APPLICATION
.)

On August 27, 1996, Cascade Natural Gas Corporation (Cascade), a Washington corporation, filed an application to amend its present Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity to Operate a Gas Plant for Hire, to include the additional area in Whatcom County. (Appendix A-1)

Cascade is presently certificated for and is now providing gas service in Whatcom County. Cascade is requesting a certificate to expand the service area within an area west of Sumas, Washington. The additional area requested is contiguous to the existing certificated area.

This filing request makes no determination at this time as to the reasonableness of the gas pipeline facility to serve this addition to Cascade's service area, but recognizes the right of the Commission to determine such reasonable services and expenditures, together with the treatment of same, in any formal proceeding before the Commission dealing with Cascade's results of operation for ratemaking purposes.

It appears the application herein should be granted to satisfy the public convenience and necessity.

FINDING 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 has heretofore been issued a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity to Operate a Gas Plant for Hire as amended.

3. Cascade has filed an application to amend its Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity, to include the additional area contiguous to its presently certificated area in Whatcom County.

4. The operation of a gas plant for hire in the additional area requested is or will be required by the public convenience and necessity.

5. The Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity to Operate a Gas Plant for Hire presently held by Cascade Natural Gas Corporation, should be further amended to include the additional area applied for herein.

O R D E R

1. IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the application of Cascade Natural Gas Corporation to amend its Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity to Operate a Gas Plant for Hire within the certificated area in Whatcom County, is hereby approved and said Certificate shall be in accordance with attached Appendix A-1, which by this reference, is made a part hereof as though fully set forth herein.

2. 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, U-9407, U-9450, U-9467, U-9496, U-9600, U-9708, U-9759, U-9807, U-9808, U-9819, U-9790, U-9822, U-9860, U-9872, U-9873, U-10001, U-74-19, U-78-50, U-80-06, U-80-22, U-80-100, U-81-43, U-83-40, U-83-41, U-84-55, U-85-04, U-85-76, UG-900727, UG-900782, UG-911010, UG-940100, UG-940101, UG-950770, UG-950832, UG-950902 and UG-961076.

3. This Order makes no determination at this time as to the reasonableness of the gas pipeline facility to serve this addition to Cascade's service area, but reserves the right of the Commission to determine such reasonable services and expenditures, together with the treatment of same, in a formal proceeding before the Commission dealing with Cascade's results of operation for ratemaking purposes.

4. IT IS FURTHER ORDERED That jurisdiction over this order is retained to effectuate the provisions of this order.

DATED at Olympia, Washington and effective this 9th day of October, 1996.

WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION



STEVE McLELLAN, Secretary

**CASCADE NATURAL GAS CORPORATION
LEGAL DESCRIPTION
APPENDIX A-1
DOCKET UG-961077**

A portion of Whatcom County to be added to Appendix A-1 adjacent thereto lying within the area described as follows:

Section 5 of Township 40 North, Range 2 East, W.M.

APPENDIX A-1 AMENDED: