

BEFORE THE WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION
COMMISSION

In the Matter of the Application of

PUGET SOUND ENERGY,

For a Certificate of Public Convenience
and Necessity to Operate a Gas Plant for
Hire in the General Area of Pierce
County

DOCKET NO. UG-021032

ORDER GRANTING APPLICATION

BACKGROUND

1 On August 6, 2002, in compliance with RCW 80.28.190, Puget Sound Energy (PSE)
filed an application to amend its present Certificate of Public Convenience and
Necessity to Operate a Gas Plant for Hire, to include an additional area in designated
portions of Graham, Pierce County which are contiguous to presently certificated
areas (Appendix A-4 and Appendix A-28).

DISCUSSION

2 PSE is presently certificated for and is now providing gas service in Western
Washington. PSE is requesting a certificate to expand the service area near Graham.
The additional area requested is contiguous to the existing certificated area. (See
attachment for legal description).

3 This filing requests no determination at this time as to the reasonableness of the gas
pipeline facility to service this addition to PSE's service area, and 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 PSE's results of operation for ratemaking purposes.

4 It appears that PSE is best suited to serve the requested service territory economically,
therefore, the application herein should be granted to satisfy the public convenience
and necessity.

FINDINGS OF FACT

5 PSE, a Washington corporation, operates gas plant for hire in this state and is subject
to the jurisdiction of this Commission.

6 PSE has previously been issued a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity to
operate a gas plant for hire as amended.

- 7 PSE has filed an application to amend its Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity to include an additional area in designated portions of Graham that is contiguous to its presently certificated area in Pierce County.
- 8 The operation of a gas plant for hire in the additional area requested, is or will be required, by the public convenience and necessity.
- 9 The Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity to Operate a Gas Plant for Hire presently held by PSE, should be further amended to include the additional area applied for herein.

O R D E R

- 10 THE COMMISSION ORDERS That the application of Puget Sound Energy to amend its Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity to Operate a Gas Plant for Hire within the certificated area in designated portion of Graham, Pierce County, is hereby approved and said Certificate shall be in accordance with attached Appendix A-4 and Appendix A-28.
- 11 This Order makes no determination at this time as to the reasonableness of the gas pipeline facility to serve this addition to Puget Sound Energy's service area, and 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 Puget Sound Energy's results of operation for ratemaking purposes.
- 12 IT IS FURTHER ORDERED That jurisdiction over this Order is retained to effectuate the provision of this Order.

DATED at Olympia, Washington, and effective this 23rd day of October, 2002.

WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

MARILYN SHOWALTER, Chairwoman

RICHARD HEMSTAD, Commissioner

PATRICK J. OSHIE, Commissioner