

BEFORE THE WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

In the Matter of the Application of	)	
WASHINGTON NATURAL GAS COMPANY for	)	CAUSE NO. U-9478
a Certificate of Public Convenience	)	
and Necessity to Operate a Gas Plant	)	ORDER GRANTING
for Hire in the general area or areas	)	APPLICATION
of Snohomish County.	)	
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The Washington Natural Gas Company, a Washington corporation, on July 31, 1963, filed an application to amend its present Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity to Operate a Gas Plant for Hire No. 2 amended, to include additional area in Snohomish County contiguous to its operations in that county. The additional area sought by the company includes the town of Lake Stevens and adjacent area.

The Lake Stevens area, the company requests to be certificated for, is just east of the company's Everett and Marysville service areas. The main gas pipeline of the El Paso Natural Gas Company runs through the requested area and a tap off this pipeline will provide and adequate source of gas. Washington plans on installing about a mile of 4 inch pipe and two miles of 2 inch pipe as the basis of its main system. An estimated cost of the investment and the resulting income shows the proposed serving arrangement to be economically feasible. The financing of the proposed system will be within the company's normal construction budget. It is expected natural gas service will be made available in the area before the end of this year. No other gas company is operating in the requested area nor has any company voiced an objection to certifying the area to Washington Natural Gas Company.

The Gas Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity presently held by Washington Natural Gas Company delineates its certificated area by attached Appendices A-1 to A-7 inclusive consisting of maps and accompanying legal descriptions. It is the Commission's opinion Appendix A-7 should be amended to include the additional area encompassed by the company's application in this Cause.

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. Washington Natural Gas Company operates a gas plant for hire in this state and is subject to the jurisdiction of this Commission.

2. Washington Natural Gas Company has heretofore been issued Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity to Operate a Gas Plant for Hire No. 2, as amended February 6, 1963, in Cause No. U-9433.

3. Washington Natural Gas Company seeks to amend its present Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity to include additional area in Snohomish County.

4. The additional area requested is contiguous to the company's present service areas.

5. At present there is no gas company operating a gas plant for hire in the area in question.

6. Washington Natural Gas Company is capable of installing plant facilities to make natural gas service available in the additional area it has requested.

7. Washington Natural Gas Company has an adequate source of natural gas.

8. The operation of a gas plant for hire by Washington Natural Gas Company in the additional area applied for is or will be required by the public convenience and necessity.

9. The Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity presently held by the Washington Natural Gas Company should be amended to include the additional area requested by the company.

ORDER

1. IT IS HEREBY ORDERED That the application of Washington Natural Gas Company to amend its Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity to Operate a Gas Plant for Hire to encompass additional area in Snohomish County is approved as follows:

All of the incorporated area comprising the City of Marysville and additional portions of Snohomish County, Washington, adjacent thereto lying within the area described as follows:

Beginning at the northeast corner of Sec. 25, T. 31 N., R. 5 E.W.M.; thence south along the east line of Secs. 25 and 36 in said township and range, and the east line of Secs. 1, 12, 13, 24, 25 and 36 in T. 30 N., R. 5 E.; thence east along the north lines of Secs. 6, 5 and 4, T. 29 N., R. 6 E., to the northeast corner of said Sec. 4; thence south along the east lines of Secs. 4, 9, 16, 21, 28 and 33, T. 29 N., R. 6 E., to the southeast corner of said Sec. 33; thence west along the south lines of Secs. 33, 32 and 31, T. 29 N., R. 6 E., and along the south lines of Secs. 36 and 35, T. 29 N., R. 5 E., to the southwest corner of said Sec. 35; thence north along the west line of said Secs. 35 and 26 in T. 29 N., R. 5 E., to the northwest corner of said Sec. 26; thence west along the south line of Secs. 22 and 21 of said T. 29, to the westerly line of Deadwater Slough; thence northerly along said westerly

line to the southerly line of the Snohomish River; thence northerly to the pier head line of the westerly side of the Snohomish River; thence northerly and westerly along said pier head line to Gardner Bay in Puget Sound; thence northerly, westerly and southerly along the shore line of Gardner Bay to the easterly line of Sec. 1, T. 29 N., R. 4 E.; thence southerly, westerly and northwesterly along the line of said Sec. 1 and northwesterly along the easterly shore line of Puget Sound to its intersection with the north line of Sec. 25, T. 31 N., R. 3 E.; thence east along the north line of said Sec. 25 and the north line of Secs. 30, 29, 28, 27, 26 and 25 of T. 31 N., R. 4 E. and the north line of Secs. 30, 29, 28, 27, 26 and 25 T. 31 N., R. 5 E., to the point of beginning; all in Snohomish County, Washington,


as further shown on Appendix A-7 (amended) attached hereto and by this reference made a part hereof.

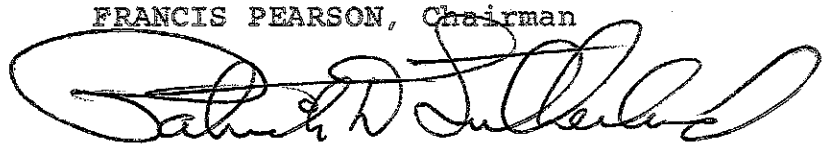
2. IT IS FURTHER ORDERED That the Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity issued pursuant to Order Paragraph No. 1 above, supersedes and cancels Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity No. 2, as amended, and issued to Washington Natural Gas Company on February 6, 1963, in Cause No. U-9433. Said Certificate of February 6, 1963, should be forthwith returned to this Commission.

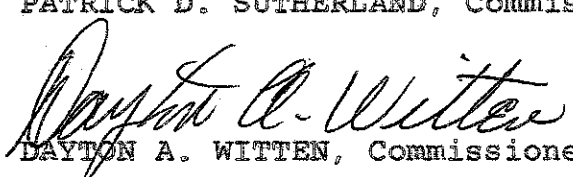
3. IT IS FURTHER ORDERED That jurisdiction over this cause is retained to effectuate the provisions of this order and future consideration to determine alterations, if any, to be made to the Certificate issued pursuant to Order Paragraph No. 1 above, to conform to the requirements of public convenience and necessity as the same may then be made to appear.

DATED at Olympia, Washington, and effective this 23rd day of August, 1963.

WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

  
 FRANCIS PEARSON, Chairman

  
 PATRICK D. SUTHERLAND, Commissioner

  
 DAYTON A. WITTEN, Commissioner