

BEFORE THE WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

In the Matter of the Application of)	
WASHINGTON NATURAL GAS COMPANY for)	CAUSE NO. U-9713
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, King, Pierce, Thurston)	
and Lewis Counties.)	
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Washington Natural Gas Company, a Washington corporation, filed an application August 12, 1966, in this Cause to amend its Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity to Operate a Gas Plant for Hire No. 2 amended, to include additional area. The additional area requested by Washington encompasses an area south and contiguous to its present certificated area in Thurston County.

In its application the company bases its need for the additional area on a demand for gas service in the uncertificated area. It appears there are residences that are prospective gas customers as well as the government has plans for constructing a timber laboratory in the area. Since the requested area is contiguous to territory presently served by Washington, the company should be able to economically serve the additional area. The company will have no trouble obtaining an adequate supply of natural gas and is financially capable of extending its plant facilities into the new area. It is the opinion of the Commission the operation of a gas plant for hire in the area Washington seeks certification is or will be required by the public convenience and necessity.

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 November 2, 1966, in Cause No. U-9692.
3. Washington Natural Gas Company seeks to amend its present Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity to include an additional area in Thurston County.
4. The additional area requested is contiguous to the company's present Thurston County service area.
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 able to finance the necessary plant facilities required 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.

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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 Thurston County is approved as follows:

Beginning at the northwest corner of Sec. 24, T. 17 N., R. 3 W.W.M.; thence east along section lines to the northeast corner of Sec. 22, T. 17 N., R. 1 W.; thence south along section lines to the southeast corner of Sec. 10, T. 16 N., R. 1 W.; thence west along section lines to the southwest corner of Sec. 12, T. 16 N., R. 3 W.; thence north along section lines to the northwest corner of Sec. 24, T. 17 N., R. 3 W., the point of beginning,

as further shown on Appendix A-12, 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 November 2, 1966, in Cause No. U-9692. Said Certificate of November 2, 1966, 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.

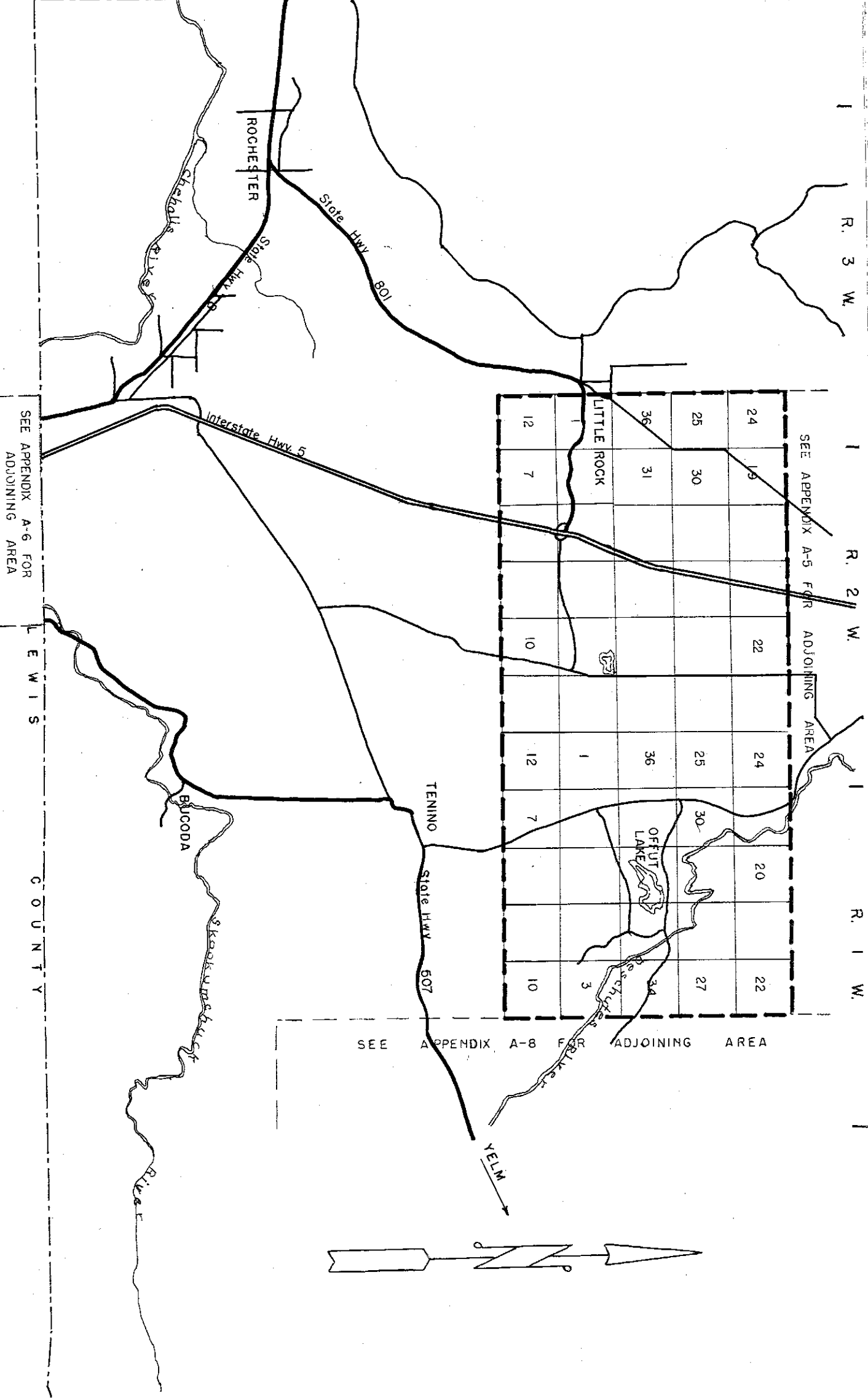
DATED at Olympia, Washington, and effective this 10th day of November, 1966.

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FRANCIS PEARSON, Chairman
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APPENDIX A-12
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