

BEFORE THE WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION
COMMISSION

In the Matter of the Petition of)	
)	DOCKET UG-010618
CASCADE NATURAL GAS)	
CORPORATION)	
)	ORDER GRANTING PETITION
For a Waiver to Operate a Facility with a)	
Maximum Allowable Operating Pressure)	
Between 251 psig and 499 psig Within)	
100 feet of a Proscribed Area (WAC)	
480-93-030))	

BACKGROUND

1 On April 24, 2001, Cascade Natural Gas Corporation (Cascade), a Washington corporation, filed a Petition to receive written authorization allowing the installation of a natural gas facility having a maximum allowable operating pressure (maop) of 380 psig. WAC 480-93-030 prohibits the operation of a facility having a maop between 251 psig and 499 psig within 100 feet of a proscribed area, unless a waiver has been approved by the Commission.

2 This matter was brought before the Commission at its regularly scheduled open meeting on May 9, 2001. The Commissioners, having been fully advised in the matter, and having determined the following order to be consistent with the public interest, directed the Secretary to enter the following order and related provisions.

DISCUSSION

3 United Rentals, 2045 East Bakerview Road in Bellingham, is requesting natural gas service from Cascade to serve a workshop and warehouse located within the fenced property. The service would tap into an existing 8-inch high-pressure gas pipeline, operated by Cascade, with a maop of 380 psig within 100 feet of the building requesting natural gas service. Cascade has previously been issued a waiver of WAC 480-93-030, Docket UG-981502, allowing a facility with the maop between 251 psig and 499 psig to operate within 100 feet of a proscribed area.

FINDINGS OF FACT

4 1. The Commission is authorized to modify or waive a rule in accordance with WAC 480-93-030.

5 2. The proposed location of the meter set assembly was selected for the following reasons:

- a. Inaccessible to the public
- b. Low probability of being struck or damaged by a vehicle/equipment
- c. Area isolated from employee presence and operations.

ORDER

- 6 IT IS HEREBY ORDERED That the request by Cascade Natural Gas Corporation for a waiver be granted of WAC 480-93-030 allowing a facility with a maop of 380 psig to operate within a proscribed area.

DATED at Olympia, Washington and effective this 9th day of May, 2001.

WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

CAROLE J. WASHBURN
Secretary