

# PUGET SOUND ENERGY, INC.

A Statement Attached To and Made Part of Application for a  
Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity

## Exhibit H

### Proposed Commission Order

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 a Designated Area of Lewis  
County

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ORDER GRANTING APPLICATION

### BACKGROUND

- 1 On October 3, 2003, 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 Centralia, Lewis County which are contiguous to presently certificated areas (Appendix A-6).

### 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 Centralia. 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 Centralia that is contiguous to its presently certificated area in Lewis 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.

### ORDER

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 Centralia, Lewis County, is hereby approved and said Certificate shall be in accordance with attached Appendix A-6.

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.

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DATED at Olympia, Washington, and effective this \_\_\_\_\_ day of November, 2003.

WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

MARILYN SHOWALTER, Chairwoman

RICHARD HEMSTAD, Commissioner

PATRICK J. OSHIE, Commissioner