

BEFORE THE WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

In the Matter of the Application of)
WASHINGTON NATURAL GAS COMPANY for)
a Certificate of Public Convenience)
and Necessity to Operate a Gas Plant)
for Hire in the general area or areas)
of Snohomish, King, Pierce, Thurston,)
and Lewis Counties.)
.)

CAUSE NO. U-9412

ORDER GRANTING
APPLICATION

The Washington Natural Gas Company, a Delaware corporation, by application dated November 1, 1962, sought to amend its present Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity to Operate a Gas Plant for Hire No. 2 amended, to encompass the general area of the Gig Harbor Peninsula, including the town of Gig Harbor, and Fox Island situated in Pierce County. It was intended to serve this area from the existing Tacoma supply by installing a main on the Narrows Bridge. However, State Highway authorization could not be obtained and an alternate route was chosen.

On August 23, 1967, the original application was revised to include all of Maury and Vashon Islands, situated in King County, in addition to the Gig Harbor Peninsula and Fox Island. Although the supply route will cross the extreme southeast portion of Kitsap County, no part of Kitsap County is included in this certification. This revised route will involve two water crossings but has the advantage of making gas available to both Maury and Vashon Islands.

Washington Natural Gas Company submitted several economic studies concerning various plans for serving the Gig Harbor area, including getting gas from Cascade Natural Gas Corporation's Bremerton supply. A study of this latter supply routing, due to increased unit price of gas from El Paso Natural Gas Company to Washington Natural Gas Company at the Bremerton Sales outlet plus wheeling charges by Cascade Natural Gas Corporation, showed no obvious economic advantage to Washington Natural Gas Company.

The Gig Harbor Peninsula and Fox Island areas, which are accessible by bridge, are at this time areas of considerable residential development and with Tacoma and Bremerton within easy commuting distance should continue their rapid growth rate. However, Vashon and Maury Islands are accessible only by ferry, at the present, hence development is likely to be at a lesser rate. Bridges connecting Vashon Island to the mainland, both to the east and west, have been under consideration for some time.

In the opinion of the Commission, the operation of a gas plant for hire by the Washington Natural Gas Company in the areas applied for is in the best interest of the public.

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 amended.

3. Washington Natural Gas Company seeks to amend its present Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity to include additional areas in King and Pierce Counties.

4. The additional areas applied for are not contiguous to the Company's present service area.

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

6. Washington Natural Gas Company is capable of installing plant facilities to make natural gas service available in the additional areas 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 areas 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 areas 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 areas in King and Pierce Counties is approved as follows:

All of the incorporated town of Gig Harbor and the town of Vashon and additional portions of King and Pierce Counties adjacent thereto lying within the areas described as follows:

Within T. 21 N., T. 22 N., and T. 23 N., and R. 2 E.W.M., and R. 3 E., all of Vashon and Maury Islands in King County.

Within T. 20 N., T. 21 N., and T. 22 N., and R. 1 E., and R. 2 E., that portion of Kitsap Peninsula within Pierce County including Raft Island and Fox Island which is bounded on the west and south by Burley Lagoon, Henderson Bay and Carr Inlet, and on the east by The Narrows and Colvos Passage,

as further shown on Appendix A-13, attached hereto and by this reference made a part hereof.

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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 March 28, 1968, in Cause No. U-9820. Said Certificate of March 28, 1968, 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.

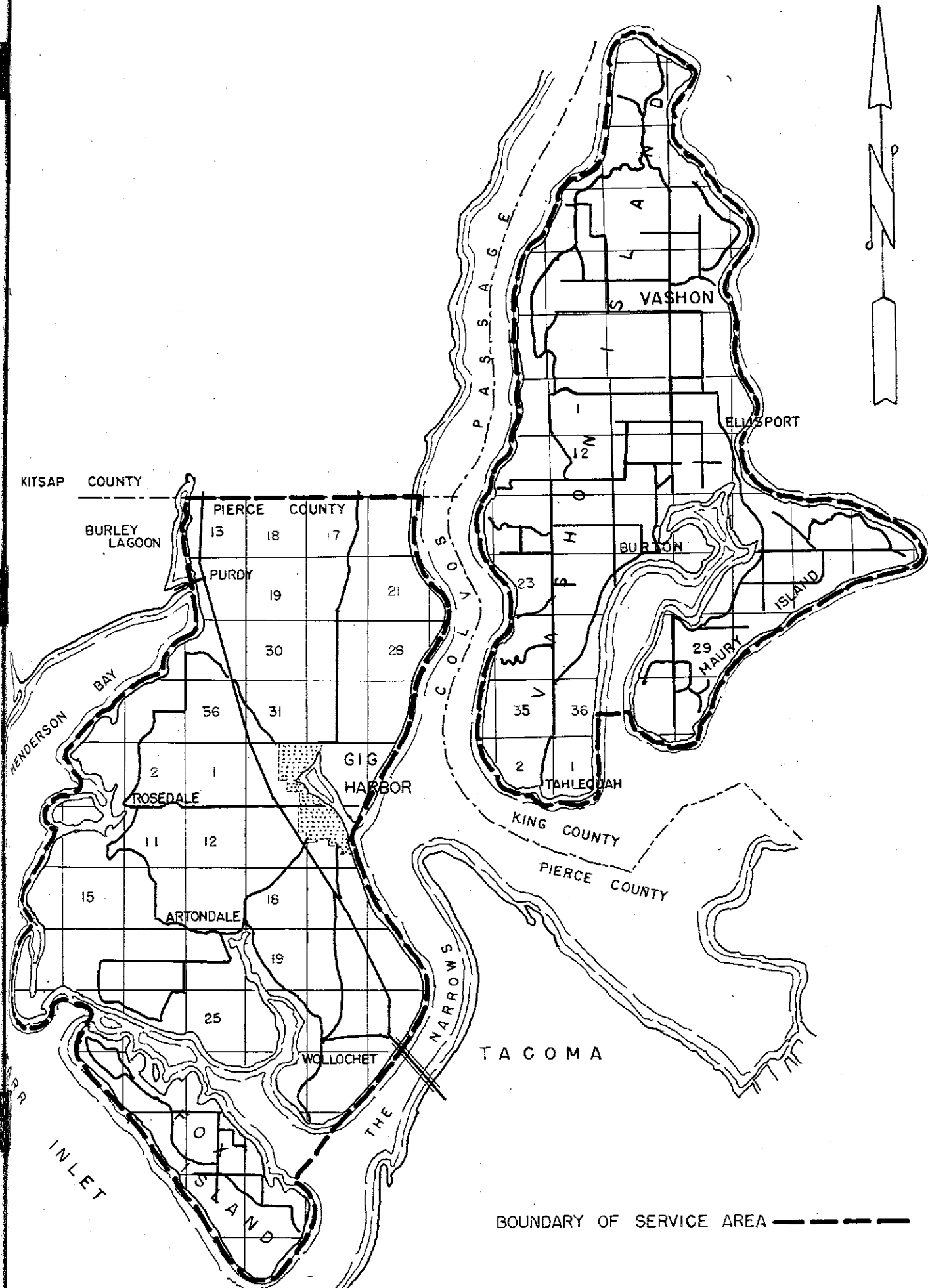
DATED at Olympia, Washington, and effective this 29th day of August, 1968.

WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

Robert D. Timm
ROBERT D. TIMM, Chairman

Francis Pearson
FRANCIS PEARSON, Commissioner

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DATE: AUG. 29, 1968 BY: T.W.