

[Service Date June 18, 2002]

BEFORE THE WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

In the Matter of the Application of)	
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CASCADE NATURAL GAS)	DOCKET NO. UG-020632
CORPORATION,)	
)	
for a Limited Certificate of Public)	ORDER HOLDING THAT A
Convenience and Necessity to Operate a)	CERTIFICATE OF PUBLIC
Gas Plant for Hire throughout the State of)	CONVENIENCE AND
Washington)	NECESSITY IS NOT REQUIRED
.....)	

BACKGROUND

1 On May 8, 2002, Cascade Natural Gas Corporation (CNG) filed with the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission (Commission) an Application for a Limited Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity to Operate Customer-Owned Gas Plant throughout the state of Washington or, in the Alternative, Application for a Declaration that a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity Is Not Required.

2 In Exhibit A to its application, CNG described the services it intends to provide to its end-use customers that have their own gas piping system. Through the provision of the listed services, CNG intends to assist the customers in the safe operation of their gas piping systems.

3 At Commission’s Open Public Meeting on June 14, 2002, CNG orally amended its petition to remove from the intended services the words “operation and” in the third bullet of listed services in Exhibit A, referring to the operation of customer-owned piping service. With this amendment to the application and Exhibit A to the application, CNG will not provide any service that requires a certificate of public convenience and necessity, consistent with RCW 80.28.190.

4 The Commission has jurisdiction over CNG and subject matter of the application.

5 The Commission’s determination that CNG is not required to obtain a certificate of public convenience and necessity in order to provide the services set forth in its application, as amended, is consistent with the public interest.

ORDER

6 Under the conditions described in CNG's application, as amended, a certificate of public convenience and necessity is not required.

DATED at Olympia, Washington, and effective this day of June, 2002.

WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

MARILYN SHOWALTER, Chairman

RICHARD HEMSTAD, Commissioner

PATRICK J. OSHIE, Commissioner