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BEFORE THE WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

In the Matter of the Applications )  
of CASCADE NATURAL GAS CORPORATION )  
and WASHINGTON NATURAL GAS COMPANY )  
for an Order Authorizing the Former )  
to Transfer and Assign its Distri- )  
bution System and Certificate Lo- )  
cated in and Adjacent to the Town )  
of Grotto, Washington, and for the )  
Latter to Acquire Said System and )  
Certificated Area. )  
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CAUSE NO. U-9872

ORDER GRANTING APPLICATIONS

Cascade Natural Gas Corporation (Cascade) filed an application on November 1, 1968, and Washington Natural Gas Company (Washington) filed an application on November 4, 1968, requesting from the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission, an order authorizing Cascade to transfer and assign its certificated area located in and surrounding Grotto, situated in King County, Washington, and authorizing Washington to acquire said area. The terms of the proposed transfer and assignment are outlined in the application.

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. Cascade Natural Gas Corporation and Washington Natural Gas Company are public service companies operating Gas Plants for Hire No. 4 amended and No. 2 amended, respectively, in the State of Washington, and are subject to the jurisdiction of this Commission.

2. Cascade was certificated to serve Grotto and surrounding area situated in King County, Washington, in Cause No. U-9360, dated September 19, 1962.

3. Cascade Natural Gas Corporation's operation will not be deterred by divestment of subject area. Cascade has no physical plant located in the area and provided service to only one customer, the Ideal Cement Co., which is currently closed down.

4. The subject area integrates advantageously with Washington's current pattern of development and although there may be variations in operations, the Commission is of the opinion that the over-all effect will be that the customer will be generally afforded every advantage with Washington that he would have enjoyed with Cascade should gas service be resumed.

5. It will not be contrary to the public interest for Cascade Natural Gas Corporation to release and Washington Natural Gas Company to acquire the above-named area.

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6. The Certificates of Public Convenience and Necessity of Cascade and Washington should be revised to include the area adjustment as requested.

O R D E R

1. IT IS HEREBY ORDERED That the joint application of Cascade Natural Gas Corporation and Washington Natural Gas Company to amend their Certificates of Public Convenience and Necessity to Operate a Gas Plant for Hire to transfer from Cascade to Washington Natural per agreement a certain area in King County is approved as follows:

All of the unincorporated town of Grotto, and additional portions of King County adjacent thereto lying within the area described as follows:

Beginning at the northwest corner of Sec. 18, T. 26 N., R. 11 E.; thence east along the north lines of Sec. 18 and 17, T. 26 N., R. 11 E., to the northeast corner of said Sec. 17; thence south along the east line of said Sec. 17, and of Sec. 20, T. 26 N., R. 11 E., to the southeast corner of said Sec. 20; thence west along the south side of said Sec. 20, and of Sec. 19, T. 26 N., R. 11 E., to the southwest corner of said Sec. 19; thence north along the west side of said Sec. 19, and of Sec. 18, T. 26 N., R. 11 E., to the point of beginning,

as further shown on Appendix A-17, attached hereto and by this reference made a part hereof.

2. IT IS FURTHER ORDERED That Cascade Natural Gas Corporation's Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity No. 4, amended, be revised to delete the area appendaged in Cause No. U-9360 (Appendix A-6) described in Order Paragraph No. 1 above, and that the Certificate issued to Cascade in Cause No. U-9860 is hereby cancelled and is to be returned to this Commission.

3. IT IS FURTHER ORDERED That Washington Natural Gas Company's Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity No. 2 amended, be revised to include the area described in Paragraph 2 above, and therein deleted from Cascade's certificated area and that Washington's Certificate, dated September 20, 1968, in Cause No. U-9860, is hereby cancelled and is to be returned to this Commission.

4. IT IS FURTHER ORDERED That jurisdiction over this Cause is retained to effectuate the provisions of this order and

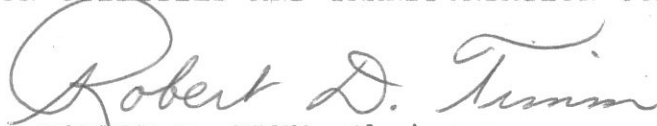
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future consideration to determine alterations, if any, to be made to the Certificates issued pursuant to Order Paragraph No. 1 above, to conform to the requirements of public convenience and necessity as the same may then be made to appear.

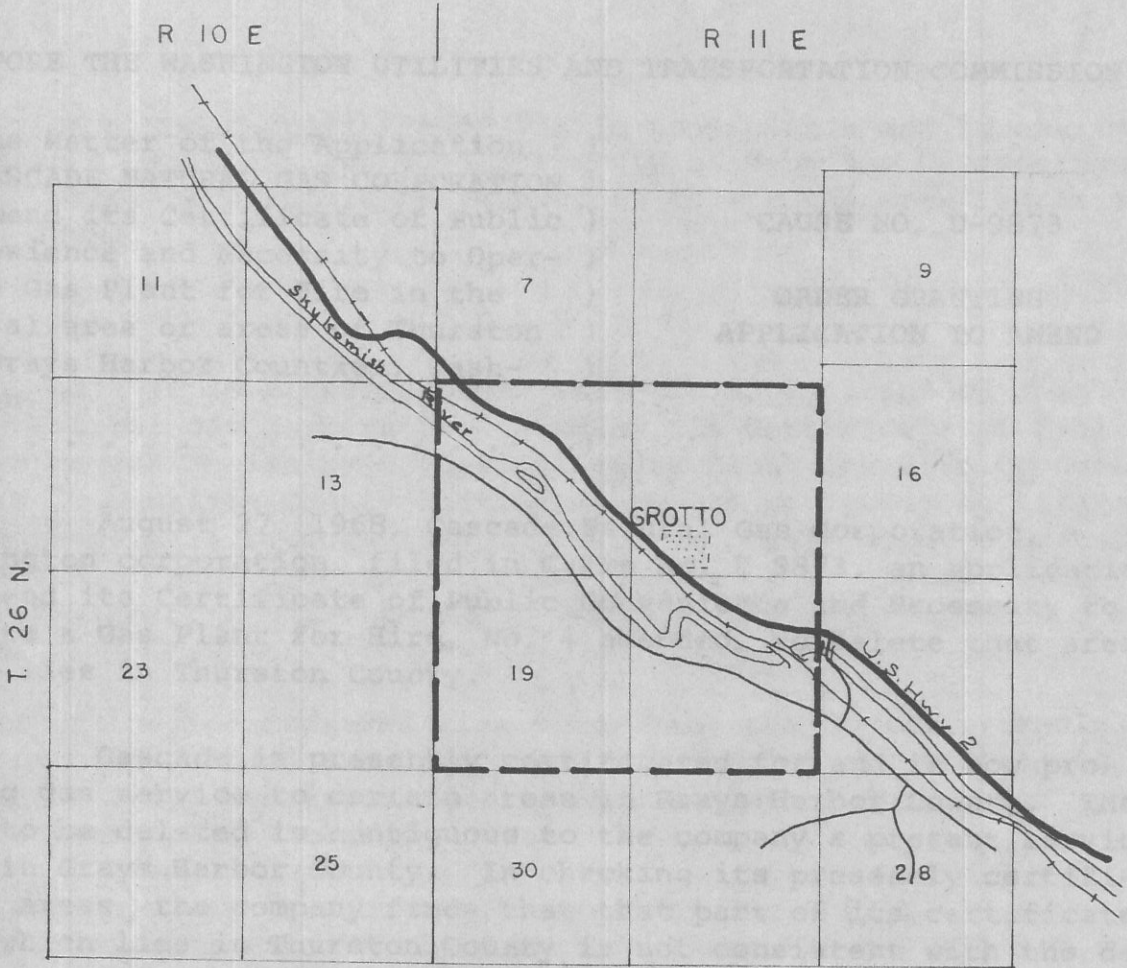
DATED at Olympia, Washington, and effective this 19th day of November, 1968.

## WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

  
ROBERT D. TIMM, Chairman

  
FRANCIS PEARSON, Commissioner

  
DAYTON A. WITTEN, Commissioner



APPENDIX A-17

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WASHINGTON NATURAL GAS COMPANY

BOUNDARY OF SERVICE AREA

KING COUNTY

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DATE: NOV. 19, 1968

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5. The operation of a gas plant for hire in the area to be deleted by the Cascade Natural Gas Corporation is not now required by public convenience and necessity and may not be required for many years to come.