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BEFORE THE WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

In the Matter of the Application) of WASHINGTON NATURAL GAS COMPANY) to Amend its Certificate of Public) Convenience and Necessity to Oper-) ate a Gas Plant for Hire in the) General Area of Thurston and Lewis) Counties.) Counties.)

On August 5, 1987 Washington Natural Gas Company (WNG), a Delaware corporation, filed an application to amend its present Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity to Operate a Gas Plant for Hire, No. 2, amended to include additional area in Thurston County. (Appendix A-18, amended.)

WNG is presently certificated for and is now providing gas service in Thurston County. The additional area in Thurston County requested is contiguous to the company's present area in Thurston County.

WNG is proposing to serve two schools just inside this new certificated area, with a main extension. There is another school some distance from the existing gas facilities which also wants gas service, but the company has determined that this extension is not feasible at this time.

This order makes no determination at this time as to the reasonableness of any gas pipeline facility construction in this addition to WNG's service area, but reserves 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 WNG's results of operation for ratemaking purposes.

It appears that the application herein should be granted to satisfy the public convenience and necessity.

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. Washington Natural Gas Company, a Delaware corporation, operates a gas plant for hire in this state and is subject to the jurisdiction of this Commission.

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2. WNG has heretofore been issued a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity to Operate a Gas Plant for Hire, No. 2, amended.

3. WNG has filed an application to amend its Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity, No. 2 amended, to include an additional area in Thurston County.

4. The operation of a gas plant for hire in the additional area requested is or will be required by the public convenience and necessity.

5. The Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity to Operate a Gas Plant for Hire, No. 2, amended, presently held by Washington Natural Gas Company, should be further amended to include the additional area applied for herein.

<u>ORDER</u>

1. WHEREFORE, 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, No. 2, amended, to include additional area in Thurston County shall be and the same is hereby approved; and said Certificate shall be amended in accordance with Appendix A-18 (amended) which is attached hereto and by this reference made a part hereof as though fully set forth herein.

2. IT IS FURTHER ORDERED That the Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity to Operate a Gas Plant for Hire, No. 2, amended, issued pursuant to Paragraph No. 1, above, supersedes and cancels the Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity to Operate a Gas Plant for Hire, No. 2, amended, and issued to Washington Natural Gas Company on May 26, 1987 in Cause No. U-87-800-P. Said Certificate of May 26, 1987 shall be forthwith returned to this Commission.

3. IT IS FURTHER ORDERED That the Certificate issued pursuant to Order Paragraph No. 1 above, is subject to the terms, conditions and provisions of the Orders in Cause Nos. U-8839, U-8932, U-8991, U-9230, U-9372, U-9386, U-9389, U-9412, U-9433, U-9478, U-9536, U-9597, U-9598, U-9648, U-9692, U-9713, U-9820, U-9836, U-9864, U-9860, U-9872, U-71-28, U-85-10, U-85-08, U-86-83 and U-87-800-P. Cause No. U-87-1236-G

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

DATED at Olympia, Washington, and effective this 25% day of November, 1987.

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Appendix A-18 (Amended) - Legal Description Thurston and Lewis Counties

Legal Description - Portions of Thurston and Lewis Counties described as follows:

Beginning at the northwest corner of Section 2, T. 16 N., R. 4 W.; thence east along the north line of Section 2 extending to the northeast corner of Section 2, T. 16 N., R. 3 W.; thence south along the east line of Section 2, extending to the northwest corner of Section 13, T. 16 N., R. 3 W.; thence east along the north line of Section 13 extending to the northeast corner of Section 15, T. 16 N., R. 1 W.; thence south along the east line of Section 15, extending to the northwest corner of Section 2, T. 15 N., R. 1 W.; thence east along the north line of Section 2 extending to the northeast corner of Section 5, T. 15 N., R. 1 E.; thence south along the east line of Section 5, extending to the southeast corner of Section 8, T. 14 N., R. 1 E.; thence west along the south line of Section 8, extending to the southwest corner of Section 10, T. 14 N., R. 2 W.; thence north along the west line of Section 10 extending to the southeast corner of Section 21, T. 15 N., R. 2 W.; thence west along the south line of Section 21 extending to the southwest corner of Section 23, T. 15 N., R. 4 W.; thence north along the west line of Section 23 to the point of beginning.

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