

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 the General Area of King  
County.

DOCKET NO. UG-021031

ORDER GRANTING APPLICATION

**BACKGROUND**

- 1 On August 6, 2002, 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 North Bend, King County which are contiguous to presently certificated areas (Appendix A-9).

**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 south of the city of North Bend. 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 North Bend that is  
contiguous to its presently certificated area in King 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.

**O R D E R**

- 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 the designated portion of North Bend, King  
County, is hereby approved and said Certificate shall be in accordance with attached  
Appendix A-9.
- 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 provisions of this Order.

DATED at Olympia, Washington, and effective this 23rd day of October, 2002.

WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

MARILYN SHOWALTER, Chairwoman

RICHARD HEMSTAD, Commissioner

PATRICK J. OSHIE, Commissioner