

BEFORE THE WASHINGTON PUBLIC SERVICE 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 &)
 Lewis Counties adjacent to its existing)
 certificated areas in these Counties.)
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CAUSE NO. U-9230
 ORDER GRANTING
 APPLICATION
 IN PART

The Washington Natural Gas Company on August 10, 1960, filed an application to amend its present Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity to Operate a Gas Plant for Hire to include additional territory adjacent to its presently certificated areas in Snohomish, King, Pierce, Thurston and Lewis Counties.

Washington presently holds gas Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity No. 2, as amended December 31, 1957, in Cause No. U-8991. In general the company's certificate encompasses an area along the shores of Puget Sound extending from north of Marysville to a line west of Olympia and an area adjacent to and including the cities of Centralia and Chehalis. The additional areas Washington requests by its application are fully detailed by company maps A-1 to A-7 inclusive, included with and part of the application.

After due consideration of the application as well as personal discussions with company officials, the Commission is of the opinion the company's application encompasses some territory for which there appears to be no economical justification for gas service in the immediate foreseeable future and should not be certificated to any company at this time. Certainly if our judgment proves to be in error it may readily be corrected by another certificate application. It is not the Commission's policy to restrict any gas company's certificated area with the need of frequent applications to amend its certificate to cover normal expansion or growth, nor, is it the Commission's policy to blindly approve all requests for area certification merely because it is open or uncertificated territory. The latter policy would defeat one of the primary purposes of the gas certification statute which is the orderly and progressive expansion of the gas industry to all parts of the state by responsible companies when and if it is economically sound.

The Gas Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity presently issued to the Washington Natural Gas Company delineates its certificated area by attached Appendices A-1 to A-7 inclusive, consisting of a map and legal description. It is the Commission opinion Appendices A-2, A-3, A-4, A-5, and A-6 should be amended to include the overall area encompassed by the legal descriptions detailed in the Order part of this cause. Appendices A-1 and A-7 will not be amended to encompass any additional area.

The Commission realizes the company is financially capable of underwriting the cost of installing plant facilities in the additional certificated area and should have no trouble obtaining a sufficient supply of natural gas.

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, as amended December 31, 1957, in Cause No. U-8991.
3. Washington Natural Gas Company seeks to amend its present Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity to include additional areas.
4. The additional areas requested are contiguous to the company's present service areas.
5. At present there is no gas company operating a gas plant for hire in the areas in question.
6. Part of the areas requested by the company should not be certificated to any gas company at this time.
7. Washington Natural Gas Company is capable of installing plant facilities to make natural gas service available in the areas to be certificated.
8. Washington Natural Gas Company should have an adequate source of natural gas.
9. The operation of a gas plant for hire by Washington Natural Gas Company in the additional areas applied for as modified by the Commission is or will be required by the public convenience and necessity.
10. The Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity presently held by the Washington Natural Gas Company should be amended to include part of 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 Snohomish, King, Pierce, Thurston and Lewis Counties is approved in part as follows:

a. All of the incorporated cities of Seattle, Edmonds, Mountlake Terrace, Beaux Arts Village, Bothell, Kirkland, Houghton, Redmond, Bellevue, Clyde Hill, Renton, Issaquah, Tukwila, the communities of Alderwood Manor, Richmond Beach, Kenmore, Woodinville, and additional portions of King County and Snohomish County adjacent thereto lying within the area described as follows:

Beginning at the northeast corner of Sec. 4 in T 27 N, R 5 E. W. M.; thence west along the north line of Secs. 4, 5 and 6 in said Township and Range, and Secs. 1, 2, 3, 4, and 5 in T 27 N, R 4 E, to the easterly line of Puget Sound; thence southerly following the line of Puget Sound and its bays and estuaries through Tps. 27, 26, 25, 24 and 23 to the south line of Sec. 31 in T 23 N, R 4 E. W. M.; thence east along the south line of Secs. 31, 32, 33, 34, 35 and 36 in T 23 N, R 4 E. W. M. and along the south lines

of Secs. 31, 32, 33, 34, 35 and 36 in T 23 N, R 5 E. W. M. to the southeast corner of said Sec. 36; thence north along the east line of said Sec. 36 and Secs. 25, 24, 13, 12 and 1 in said Township and Range to the northeast corner of said Sec. 1 and the southwest corner of Sec. 31 in T 24 N, R 6 E. W. M.; thence east along the south line of said Sec. 31 and the south lines of Secs. 32, 33, 34, 35 and 36 in T 24 N, R 6 E. W. M., to the southeast corner of said Sec. 36; thence north along the east line of said Sec. 36 and the east lines of Secs. 25, 24, 13, 12 and 1 of said Township and Range to the northeast corner of said Sec. 1; thence west along the north lines of said Sec. 1, and of Sec. 2 to the northwest corner of said Sec. 2; thence north along the east lines of Secs. 34, 27, 22, 15, 10 and 3 of T 25 N, R 6 E. W. M., and along the east lines of Sec. 34, and 27, T 26 N, R 6 E, to the northeast corner of said Sec. 27; thence west along the north lines of said Sec. 27, and of Secs. 28, 29 and 30, to the northwest corner of Sec. 30, T 26 N, R 6 E,; thence north along the east line of Secs. 24, 13, 12 and 1 in said Township and Range to the northeast corner of said Sec. 1; thence west along the north line of said Sec. 1 and the north lines of Secs. 2 and 3 in said Township and Range to the northwest corner of said Sec. 3 and the southeast corner of Sec. 33, T 27 N, R 5 E. W. M.; thence north along the east line of said Sec. 33 and the east lines of Secs. 28, 21, 16, 9 and 4 in T 27 N, R 5 E. W. M., to the point of beginning.

as further shown on Appendix A-2 (amended) attached hereto and by this reference made a part hereof.

b. All of the incorporated cities of Kent, Auburn, Pacific, Milton, Sumner, Puyallup, the communities of Des Moines, Federal Way, and Midway, and additional portions of King and Pierce Counties adjacent thereto lying within the area described as follows:

Beginning at the northeast corner of Sec. 3, T 22 N, R 5 E. W. M.; thence west along the north lines of Secs. 3, 4, 5 and 6 in said Township and Range, and Secs. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6 in T 22 N, R 4 E, to the easterly line of Puget Sound; thence southerly along this line to its intersection with the west line of Sec. 6, T 21 N, R 4 E. W. M.; thence south along the west lines of Secs. 6, 7, 18, 19, 30 and 31 in said Township and Range, and along the west lines of Secs. 6, 7, 18, 19, 30 and 31 in T 20 N, R 4 E. W. M., and Sec. 6 in T 19 N, R 4 E. W. M. to the southwest corner of said Sec. 6; thence east along the south lines of Secs. 6, 5, 4, 3, 2, and 1 of T 19 N, R 4 E, and along the south lines of Secs. 6, 5, and 4 of T 19 N, R 5 E, to the southeast corner of Sec. 4; thence north along the east lines of said Sec. 4, and of Secs. 33 and 28, T 20 N, R 5 E, to the northeast corner of said Sec. 28; thence west along the north lines of said Sec. 28, and of Sec. 29 to the northwest corner of said Sec. 29; thence north along the east line of Secs. 19, 18, 7 and 6 in T 20 N, R 5 E. W. M., and the east lines of Secs. 31 and 30 in T 21 N, R 5 E. W. M. to the northeast corner of said Sec. 30; thence east along the south line of Secs. 20, 21, and 22 in T 21 N, R 5 E, to the southeast corner of said Sec. 22; thence north along the east lines of said Sec. 22, and of Secs. 15, 10 and 3 in T 21 N, R 5 E, and north along the east lines of Secs. 34, 27, 22, 15, 10, and 3 in T 22 N, R 5 E, to the point of beginning.

as further shown on Appendix A-3 (amended) attached hereto and by this reference made a part hereof.

c. All of the incorporated cities of Tacoma, Ruston, Fircrest, Steilacoom, and the communities of Lakeview, Brookdale, Parkland, and additional portions of King County and Pierce County adjacent thereto lying within the area described as follows:

Beginning at the point where the easterly line of Puget Sound intersects the east line of Sec. 1, T 21 N, R 3 E. W. M.; thence following the easterly line of Puget Sound and its bays and estuaries through Tps. 21 and 20, and into T 19 to the intersection of the west line of Sec. 14, T 19 N, R 1 E, thence south along the west lines of Secs. 14, 23, 26 and 35, T 19 N, R 1 E. W. M., to the southwest corner of said Sec. 35; thence east along the south line of said Secs. 35 and 36 in said Township and the south lines of Secs. 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, and 36 in T 19 N, R 2 E. W. M., and along the south lines of Secs. 31, 32, 33, 34, 35 and 36 of T 19 N, R 3 E, and along the south line of Sec. 31, T 19 N, R 4 E to the southeast corner of said Sec. 31, thence north along the east line of said Sec. 31, and of Sec. 30, 19, 18, and 7 in T 19 N, R 3 E. to the northeast corner of said Sec. 7, thence west along the north line of said Sec. 7 to the northwest corner, thence north along the east line of Sec. 1, T 19 N, R 3 E, and along the east lines of Secs. 36, 25, 24, 13, 12 and 1 in T 20 N, R 3 E. W. M. and along the east lines of Secs. 36, 25, 24, 13, 12 and 1 in T 21 N, R 3 E. W. M., to the point of beginning.

as further shown on Appendix A-4 (amended) attached hereto and by this reference made a part hereof.

d. All of the incorporated City of Olympia, the Town of Tumwater, and additional portions of Thurston and Pierce Counties adjacent thereto lying within the area described as follows:

Beginning at the southeast corner of Sec. 15, T 17 N, R 1 W, thence west along the south lines of Secs. 15, 16, 17, and 18, T 17 N, R 1 W, and along the south lines of Secs. 13, 14, and 15 in T 17 N, R 2 W to the southwest corner of said Sec. 15; thence north along the west lines of Sec. 15, 10, and 3 of T 17 N, R 2 W, and along the west lines of Secs. 34 and 27 in T 18 N, R 2 W to the northwest corner of said Sec. 27; thence west along the south line of Sec. 21, T 18 N, R 2 W to its mid-point; thence north along the center-lines of Secs. 21, 16, and 9 in T 18 N, R 2 W, to its intersection with the north line of said Sec. 9; thence east along the north line of Sec. 9, and 10 to the intersection of the north line of Sec. 10 with the north limits of the City of Olympia; thence along the limits of the City of Olympia to the easterly shoreline of Budd Inlet; thence following the shoreline northerly past Dover Point, northeasterly to Dickerson Point, across Henderson Inlet to Johnson Point; thence southeasterly along the westerly and southerly shoreline of Nisqually Reach, across the mouth of the Nisqually River, along the south and easterly shore lines of Nisqually Reach, to the intersection of the shoreline with the east line of Sec. 15, T 19 N, R 1 E; thence south along the east lines of Secs. 15, 22, 27, and 34, T 19 N, R 1 E, to the southeast corner of said Sec. 34; thence west along the south line of said Sec. 34 to the south side of old PSH No. 1; thence southwesterly along the south side of old PSH No. 1 to its intersection with the north-south centerline of Sec. 4, T 18 N, R 1 E,; thence south along this centerline through Secs. 4, 9, and 16 of T 18 N, R 1 E, to its intersection with the west bank of the Nisqually River; thence southerly and easterly to the south line of Sec. 16, T 18 N, R 1 E,

thence west along the south lines of Sec. 16, and 17, T 18 N, R 1 E to the southwest corner of said Sec. 17; thence south along the east line of Sec. 19, T 18 N, R 1 E, to the southeast corner of said Sec. 19; thence west along the south line of Sec. 19, T 18 N, R 1 E, and along the south lines of Secs. 24, and 23, T 18 N, R 1 W to the southwest corner of said Sec. 23; thence south along the east lines of Sec. 27, and 34 in T 18 N, R 1 W, and along the east lines of Secs. 3, 10, and 15 in T 17 N, R 1 W to the southeast corner of said Sec. 15, the point of beginning.

as further shown on Appendix A-5 (amended) attached hereto and by this reference made a part hereof.

e. All of the incorporated cities of Centralia and Chehalis, and additional portions of Lewis County adjacent thereto lying within the area described as follows:

Beginning at the northeast corner of Sec. 28, T 15 N, R 2 W. W. M., thence west along the north lines of Sec. 28, 29, and 30 in T 15 N, R 2 W, and Sec. 25 in T 15 N, R 3 W, to the northwest corner of said Sec. 25; thence south along the west line of said Sec. 25, and along the west line of Sec. 36 in T 15 N, R 3 E, and south along the west lines of Secs. 1, 12, 13, 24, 25, and 36 in T 14 N, R 3 W, and south along the west lines of Sec. 1 and 12 in T 13 N, R 3 W, to the southwest corner of said Sec. 12; thence east along the south line of said Sec. 12, along the south lines of Secs. 7, 8, 9, 10, 11 and 12 in T 13 N, R 2 W, and along the south line of Sec. 7, T 13 N, R 1 W, to the southeast corner of said Sec. 7; thence north along the east lines of Secs. 7, and 6 in T 13 N, R 1 W, and north along the east lines of Secs. 31, 30, 19, and 18 in T 14 N, R 1 W, to the northeast corner of said Sec. 18; thence west along the north line of said Sec. 18, and along the north lines of Secs. 13, 14 and 15 in T 14 N, R 2 W to the northwest corner of said Sec. 15; thence north along the east lines of Secs. 9, and 4 in T 14 N, R 2 W, and along the east lines of Sec. 33, and 28 in T 15 N, R 2 W, to the point of beginning.

as further shown on Appendix A-6 (amended) attached hereto and by this reference made a part hereof.

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 December 31, 1957, in Cause No. U-8991. Said Certificate of May 3, 1957, 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 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 3rd day of January, 1961.

WASHINGTON PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

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