ORDINANCE NO. 248

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF SHORELINE, WASHINGTON, EXTENDING THE FRANCHISE PROVIDED TO PUGET SOUND ENERGY (OKA WASHINGTON NATURAL GAS) FOR THE PROVISION OF NATURAL GAS SERVICES

WHEREAS, the City of Shoreline ("City") granted Washington Natural Gas a franchise to distribute and sale natural gas within the City through the adoption of Ordinance No. 45, effective August 22, 1995; and

WHEREAS, the franchise granted by Paragraph 15 or Ordinance No. 45 to Washington Natural Gas will expire on August 31, 2000; and

WHEREAS, that franchise was transferred to Puget Sound Energy (PSE) in accordance with the terms and conditions thereof; and

WHEREAS, the City and PSE are working in good faith to develop a new franchise to authorize PSE's continued provision of natural gas services within the City; and

WHEREAS, PSE is currently in compliance with existing franchise requirements and City regulations; and

WHEREAS, the public interest will not be served by a lapse in PSE's authority to operate within the City at this time;

NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SHORELINE, WASHINGTON, DO ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. <u>Franchise Extension</u>. The natural gas distribution franchise granted pursuant to City Ordinance No. 45, Section 15, is hereby extended through February 28, 2001.

Section 2. <u>Effective Date</u>. This ordinance shall be published in full and shall take effect 5 days after said publication.

PASSED BY THE CITY COUNCIL ON AUGUST 28, 2000

Mayor Scott Jepsen

ATTEST:

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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