by the state of Washington to Skagit county November 12, 1952 under application No. 1988, thence southwesterly and southeasterly along said westerly right of way line to a point which is south 34° 59′ 40″ east of the point of beginning and thence north 34° 59′ 40″ west to the point of beginning, with an area of 8 acres, more or less.

Passed the House March 1, 1953.

Passed the Senate March 10, 1953.

Approved by the Governor March 17, 1953.

## CHAPTER 100.

[ H. B. 304.]

## HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT—CONTRACTS WITH PUBLIC UTILITIES.

An Acr relating to certain contracts of the state highway department with public utilities.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Washington:

Contracts for work or services authorized. Section 1. It shall be lawful for the state department of highways acting through the Washington state highway commission to contract without advertising or bid with any public utility, whether publicly or privately operated, for the performance of any work or the furnishing of any service of a type ordinarily performed or furnished by such utility whenever, in the opinion of said commission, the interest of the public will be best served.

Passed the House February 17, 1953. Passed the Senate March 9, 1953. Approved by the Governor March 17, 1953.