EXHIBIT NO. \_\_\_(JAP-2) DOCKET NO. UE-13\_\_ WITNESS: JON A. PILIARIS

## BEFORE THE WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

In the Matter of the Petition of

PUGET SOUND ENERGY, INC.

For an Accounting Order Approving the Allocation of Proceeds of the Sale of Certain Assets to Public Utility District #1 of Jefferson County.

Docket No. UE-13\_\_\_\_

FIRST EXHIBIT (PROFESSIONAL QUALIFICATIONS) TO THE PREFILED DIRECT TESTIMONY OF JON A. PILIARIS ON BEHALF OF PUGET SOUND ENERGY, INC.

**OCTOBER 31, 2013** 

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- Q. Please state your name and business address.
- A. My name is Jon A. Piliaris. My business address is 10885 NE Fourth Street, Bellevue, WA 98009-9734.
- Q. By whom are you employed and in what capacity?
- A. I am employed by Puget Sound Energy, Inc. ("PSE") as Manager, Pricing and Cost of Service. I have been employed by PSE since December 2008 and have been in my current position since April 2010.
- Q. What are your duties as Manager of Pricing and Cost of Service for PSE?
- A. I am responsible for electric and gas rate design, electric and gas cost of service studies and load research at PSE.
- Q. Briefly describe your education and experience.
- A. I hold a Bachelor of Arts degree in Economics from Pacific Lutheran University and a Master of Arts degree in Economics from the University of Colorado, Boulder. I have over 18 years of utility experience, primarily as a management consultant for publicly-owned utilities that provide electric, natural gas, water and/or wastewater services. From January 1995 to March 2006, I was employed by Economic &

Engineering Service, Inc., later known as EES Consulting, Inc., a nationally recognized engineering and management consulting firm. I provided consulting services on behalf of EES Consulting in a wide variety of areas, including:

- revenue requirements, cost of service, rate design, and related analyses,
- regulatory, litigation and arbitration support,
- representation within regional forums, such as proceedings at the Bonneville Power Administration ("BPA"),
- electric utility resource planning, evaluation and acquisition,
- utility property valuation and acquisition,
- new utility formation,
- financial forecasting and feasibility analysis, and
- management reviews and performance benchmarking.

After leaving EES Consulting in March 2006 as its Managing Director of Economic Analysis, I formed Economic & Financial Strategies, LLC. From 2006 through 2008, I provided consulting services similar to those I provided on behalf of EES Consulting, with an emphasis in the areas of retail electric ratemaking, electric resource planning and financial modeling.

I testified before this Commission in PSE's two previous general rate cases (Docket Nos. UE-090704/UG-090705 and Docket Nos. UE-111048/UG-111049), PSE's 2012 decoupling rate proposal (Docket Nos. UE-121697/UG-121705), PSE's 2013 expedited rate filing (Docket Nos. UE-130137/UG-130138) and PSE's 2013 power cost only rate case (Docket No. UE-130617). I also testified in proceedings at the British Columbia Utilities Commission (Project No. 3698350) and BPA (Case Nos. WP-02 and SN-03).