

**BEFORE THE WASHINGTON
UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION**

In the Matter of the Application of

PUGET SOUND ENERGY

For an Order Authorizing the Sale of All of
Puget Sound Energy's Interests in Colstrip Unit
4 and Certain of Puget Sound Energy's
Interests in the Colstrip Transmission System

DOCKET UE-200115

EXH. NEH-02

WITNESS QUALIFICATION

ON BEHALF OF

NW ENERGY COALITION AND

RENEWABLE NORTHWEST

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Professional Experience

Executive Director, NW Energy Coalition – January 2015 – Present

- The Executive Director manages the resources of the Coalition's staff of 11 and guides our strategic direction. The Coalition is an alliance of more than 100 environmental, consumer, low-income and civic public interest groups; clean energy businesses; labor unions and progressive electric and gas utilities. The Coalition advocates energy efficiency, renewable energy, low-income weatherization, consumer protection and restoration of fish and wildlife in the Columbia River Basin as the foundations of a clean and affordable energy future for the Northwest. The Coalition covers Washington, Oregon, Idaho, Montana and British Columbia.
- Represents the Coalition on the Board of Renewable Northwest and the steering committee of the Climate Justice Alliance (WA).

Policy Director, NW Energy Coalition - April 1996 to December 2014

- Directs NWEC's regulatory and legislative efforts to enhance investments in energy conservation, renewable resources, and low income energy services through work with electric utilities, Bonneville Power Administration, commissioners, regulators, and legislators.
- Lead staff responsible for policy analysis on green power, federal energy issues, regional energy conservation and renewable energy initiatives and climate change strategies. Provided testimony before policymakers and in regulatory cases in Washington, Oregon and Idaho.
- Responsible for establishing the strategic policy direction for NWEC in coordination with other policy and organizational staff. Assists Coalition Director in fundraising, grant writing and outreach to funders. Represents NWEC at forums throughout the Northwest states.

Senior Energy Policy Associate, Environmental Action Foundation - October 1990 to May 1996

- Director, Energy Conservation Coalition - develop and advocate policies in support of increased automobile fuel economy, energy efficiency and renewable energy for a national sustainable energy policy. (The Coalition is made up of 20 national environmental, consumer, religious and scientific organizations.)
- Testified on behalf of the Coalition at U.S. Congressional hearings on energy appropriations and energy efficiency policy development. Advise congressional staff and administration policymakers on energy efficiency, renewable energy and transportation issues. Principal author of annual document outlining Coalition's vision for energy efficiency funding for the U.S. Department of Energy's budget.
- Co-Chair, Energy and Equity Roundtable - organized unprecedented series of meetings between national energy and environmental organizations, and low income and environmental justice advocates to build common objectives for equitable energy and transportation policy.
- Managed and oversaw energy policy program with budget of \$200,000. Responsible for grant writing and foundation relationship development.

Research Associate, Energy Project & Energy Conservation Coalition, Environmental Action Foundation - August 1986 to September 1990

- Provided technical assistance and policy guidance to state utility regulators, consumer advocates, and grassroots environmental organizations on regulatory policy mechanisms to promote energy efficiency

by electric and gas utilities. Testified as an expert witness before state regulatory commissions during utility resource planning proceedings.

- Tracked state regulatory and legislative activity on utility resource planning and global climate change. Researched employee and Political Action Committee contributions from electric utilities to members of Congress.
- Wrote public briefing materials on electric utility issues including decommissioning of nuclear power plants, electromagnetic fields, energy conservation and renewable energy technologies.

Conservation Associate, Public Lands and Energy Division, National Wildlife Federation - July 1984 to July 1985

- Researched and wrote evaluation of the Bureau of Land Management's Land Withdrawal Review Program. Developed a database and evaluation mechanism for tracking regulatory actions of the BLM Program.
- Drafted comments for the Federation on the proposed regulatory changes governing mining on national park land.

Other Relevant Experience

Board Member, Centralia Coal Transition Board, 2015 to Present

Board of Directors, Renewable Northwest Project, 1998 to Present

Board of Directors, Washington Environmental Council, 2010-2016

Board of Directors, Northwest Energy Efficiency Alliance, 1997 to 2002

Chair, Sierra Club National Energy Committee, 1998 to 2000

Board of Directors, National Low-Income Energy Consortium, November 1989 to May 1996

Steering Committee, Campaign for New Transportation Priorities, May 1993 to February 1995

Board of Directors, Environmental Action Foundation, September 1989 to 1994

Publications

- A Federal Platform For a Clean and Affordable Northwest Energy Future, February 1998
- Blueprint For A Sustainable Regional Electric System, July 1996
- Sustainable Energy Budget - For the U.S. Department of Energy, Fiscal Year 1995, November 1993
- Building a Brighter Future - State Experiences in Least-Cost Energy Planning. Nancy Hirsh. Energy Conservation Coalition. August 1990
- A Brighter Future - State Actions in Least-Cost Electrical Planning. Lisa Shapiro, Paul Markowitz, Nancy Hirsh. Energy Conservation Coalition. December 1987

Education

University of Michigan, School of Natural Resources

B.S. - Environmental Policy and Management, May 1984

- Served on the Dean's Executive Committee as a representative of the Student Policy Advisory Committee for the School of Natural Resources. September 1983 to April 1984
- Varsity field hockey team. 1980 – 1983