SUMMARY OF EDUCATION AND PROFESSIONAL BACKGROUND

I received a Bachelor of Science degree in Economics, from the College of Arts and Sciences, at the University of Wyoming, August of 1990. I continued my study of applied microeconomics with continued emphases in both environmental/resource economics and regulatory/public utility economics at the University of Wyoming. I earned a Master of Science degree in economics, in August of 1992. My Master's Thesis was entitled "Recycling and Consumer Theory," which was the development of a theoretical model of consumer choices based on a recycling program considered by the City of Ft. Collins, Colorado.

During graduate school, I worked as both a teaching assistant for the University of Wyoming's Economics and Finance Department and simultaneously as a research assistant at the Center for Research in Environmental Economics (CREE). As a teaching assistant I provided support to economics professors, including lecturing, tutoring, and preparing exams. As a research assistant for Professor Ralph D'Arge, director of CREE, I worked on consulting projects designed to value several different environmental externalities.

Upon completion of graduation requirements at the University of Wyoming, I took a position as an Assistant Utilities

Specialist, in the Energy Regulation Division at the State

Corporation Commission of Virginia, in Richmond. I began there

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on June 1, 1992. In that position, I examined gas and electric cost of service studies, examined rate and policy issues, and researched environmental issues involved with the energy sector.

On October 1, 1993, I took a position of Senior Economic

Analyst in the Division of Economics and Finance, again at the

Virginia State Corporation Commission. This position entailed

preparing state and national macroeconomic reports for Commission

use. In that position, I also worked on electric power and

natural gas policy issues.

I assumed my current position of Utilities Rate Research Specialist here at the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission on May 1, 1994. My responsibilities in this position are two fold: 1) examine the prudence of local gas distribution gas acquisition strategies in the Utility Gas Section and 2) provide economic support for the Commission's Utility group.