

EXHIBIT NO. ___(DEG-2)
DOCKET NO. UE-06 ___/UG-06 ___
2006 PSE GENERAL RATE CASE
WITNESS: DONALD E. GAINES

BEFORE THE
WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

**WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND
TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION,**

Complainant,

v.

PUGET SOUND ENERGY, INC.,

Respondent.

Docket No. UE-06 ___
Docket No. UG-06 ___

**FIRST EXHIBIT (PROFESSIONAL QUALIFICATIONS) TO THE
PREFILED DIRECT TESTIMONY OF
DONALD E. GAINES
ON BEHALF OF PUGET SOUND ENERGY, INC.**

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PUGET SOUND ENERGY, INC.

**FIRST EXHIBIT (PROFESSIONAL QUALIFICATIONS) TO THE
PREFILED DIRECT TESTIMONY OF DONALD E. GAINES**

Q. Please state your name and business address.

A. My name is Donald E. Gaines. My business address is 10885 NE 4th Street, P.O. Box 97034, Bellevue WA 98009-9734.

Q. By whom are you employed and in what capacity?

A. I am employed by Puget Sound Energy, Inc., as Vice President Finance and Treasurer.

Q. What are your duties as Vice President Finance and Treasurer?

A. I have overall responsibility for raising capital in the financial markets and managing the Company's cash flows. I am also responsible for maintaining relations with credit rating agencies as well as with commercial and investment banks and oversee the Company's financial planning area. In addition, I oversee the Company's tax department.

Q. Briefly describe your education and relevant employment experience.

A. I received an Associate in Arts and Sciences degree, with high honors, from Tacoma Community College in 1977, graduated magna cum laude with a

1 Bachelor of Arts degree in Business Administration from the University of Puget
2 Sound in 1979 and earned a Master of Business Administration degree from
3 Pacific Lutheran University in 1984.

4 In 1979, I was hired by the Boeing Commercial Airplane Company as a Systems
5 Analyst. I held that position until January 1981 at which time I was hired by
6 Puget Sound Power & Light as a Financial Planning Analyst. From 1981 through
7 mid-1986, I worked in several analyst positions in the financial planning
8 department. In July 1986, I was promoted to Supervisor Shareholder
9 Communications. In December 1986, I was promoted to Manager Financial
10 Planning. I was employed in that position until July 1993 when I was promoted
11 to Director Strategic Planning.

12 I held that position until October 1994 when I was elected Treasurer. I was the
13 Treasurer of the Company until May 2001 when I was elected Vice President
14 Finance and Treasurer.

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