

**Exh. DPK-2
Dockets UE-240004,
UG-240005, UE-230810
Witness: Danny P. Kermode**

**BEFORE THE WASHINGTON
UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION**

**WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND
TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION,**

Complainant,

v.

PUGET SOUND ENERGY,

Respondent.

**DOCKETS UE-240004,
UG-240005 and UE-230810
(Consolidated)**

EXHIBIT TO TESTIMONY OF

DANNY P. KERMODE

**ON BEHALF OF STAFF OF
WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND
TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION**

Qualifications

August 6, 2024

DANNY KERMODE

C P A - retired



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EDUCATION

Postgraduate – Management Accounting, Economic Analysis and Quantitative Business Analysis – San Carlos University – Cebu City, Philippines

Bachelor of Science – Business Administration – Arizona State University – Tempe, AZ

CFP Certification – College of Financial Planning – Denver, CO

EXPERTISE

- Ratemaking & Financial Analyses
- Cost of Service Studies
- Rate Design Analyses
- Wholesale & Retail Rate Filings

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

GDS Associates, Inc., Orlando, FL, March 2024 – Present

Executive Consultant

- Provides ratemaking and regulatory services for public and private utilities, transportation companies, and other interested parties.
- Prepares cost and rate studies, along with supporting testimony and exhibits.
- Provides support for rate applications and financing requests, including giving expert accounting testimony concerning public utility financial and accounting issues.
- Assists in the development of short- and long-term policies concerning the provision of utility services for providing community growth and affordable essential services.

Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission

Assistant Director for Water and Transportation, April 2015-December 2020

- Managed and directed the economic regulation of Washington investor-owned water companies and certain regulated transportation companies such as the state's investor-owned solid waste and residential recycle haulers, oil pipeline, harbor pilots, passenger ferries, low level radioactive waste and bio-waste transporters.
- Developed and directed transportation policy regarding rule enforcement and rate setting.
- Oversaw the use of rate base and operating ratio approaches to ratemaking. Provided expert recommendations include acting as expert witnesses in judicial proceedings.

Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission

Acting Director of Policy and Legislation, January 2015-March 2015

Senior Policy Advisor, May 2010-December 2014

- Provided direct policy and decision-making support to the commissioners and executive director while serving as an expert in policy, economic or technical issues related to regulated electric and gas industries, specifically in the areas renewable technology, power system reliability and cyber security.
- Projects, assignments, and continuing work included formulating, developing, analyzing, communicating, and implementing state, regional or national regulatory and ratemaking policies.
- Assigned more than 80 electric and over 100 natural gas filings ranging from PGAs to full rate cases.

Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission

Regulatory Analyst, October 1996-April 2010

- Constructed complex computer models to analyze electric, natural gas, and water company financial and accounting data.
- Reviewed cost data and prepared cost of service models, assigned over 45 electric cases and 46 more natural gas filings.
- Audited and analyzed financial data filed in support of tariff revisions.
- Conducted studies as a team leader and as a team member.
- Prepared written testimony and exhibits and appear as an expert accounting witness, regarding financial, income tax and accounting issues.
- Presented recommendations to the commission in public open meetings.

Rocky Mountain Institute

Controller, June 1994-October 1996

- Responsible for all financial and accounting aspects including budgeting for the institute, which had seven research areas and consolidated revenues of over \$5m.
- Developed new budgeting approaches and management reports.



DANNY KERMODE

EXECUTIVE CONSULTANT, CPA (Retired)

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE [continued]

- Oversaw the financial accounting and budgeting of its wholly owned subsidiary E-Source.

Kozoman & Kermode CPAs

Partner, February 1986-September 1993

- Prepared testimony and exhibits supporting rate applications and financing requests.
- Appeared as an expert accounting witness concerning public utility financial and accounting issues.
- Prepared corporate, partnership, and not-for-profit tax returns.
- Provided financial analysis, accounting reviews, systems design and developed positions on tax issues.
- Development of projections and forecasts, including pro forma financial statements, rate base, and cost of capital analysis used in rate proceedings.

Troupe, Kehoe, Whiteaker & Kent CPAs

Staff Accountant, July 1983-January 1986

- Prepared testimony and exhibits supporting rate applications and financing requests.
- Appeared as an expert accounting witness concerning public utility financial and accounting issues.
- Provided management consulting functions which included performing financial analysis of accounting records.
- Preparation of complex public utility year-end statements and corporate tax returns.
- Prepared schedules and exhibits used in regulatory proceedings.

PUBLICATIONS

- "FERC reporting through XBRL looking glass." *Public Utility Fortnightly* (October, 2019).
- "The Philippines: An update on the country's new feed-in tariff." Update for *A Handbook for International Energy Regulator* (2014).
- "Transforming Regulated Industries." *iBR Magazine*, Vol. 3, Issue 2 (2013).
- "Regulatory Provision of Income Taxes for S Corporations." *The NRRJ Journal of Applied Regulation*, Vol. 2 (2004).
- "Contributions of Aid of Construction: IRS Final Regulations." *Journal AWWA*, Vol. 94, No. 3 (2002).

ACHIEVEMENTS

- Senior Fellow – Institute of Public Utilities, Michigan State University
- Innovator in Regulator Policy Award – NARUC (2017)
- Cited as expert by Wall Street Journal, NBC, and Associated Press
- United State Air Force Veteran

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