**EXHIBIT NO. \_\_\_(KJB-2)
DOCKET NO.  UE-121697/UG-121705**

**JOINT DECOUPLING ACCOUNTING PETITION**

**WITNESS:  KATHERINE J. BARNARD**

**BEFORE THE**

**WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION**

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| **In the Matter of the Petition of** **PUGET SOUND ENERGY, INC****and NW ENERGY COALITION****For an Order Authorizing PSE To Implement Electric and Natural Gas Decoupling Mechanisms and To Record Accounting Entries Associated With the Mechanisms** |  | **Docket No. UE-121697****Docket No. UG-121705** |

**FIRST EXHIBIT (PROFESSIONAL QUALIFICATIONS) TO THE**

**PREFILED DIRECT TESTIMONY OF
KATHERINE J. BARNARD
ON BEHALF OF PUGET SOUND ENERGY, INC.**

**MARCH 1, 2013**

**PUGET SOUND ENERGY, INC.**

****FIRST EXHIBIT (PROFESSIONAL QUALIFICATIONS) TO THE
PREFILED DIRECT TESTIMONY OF**** KATHERINE J. BARNARD

Q. Please state your name and business address.

A. My name is Katherine J. Barnard. My business address is 10885 NE Fourth Street, Bellevue, Washington, 98004-5591.

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

A. I am employed by Puget Sound Energy, Inc. (“PSE”) as Director of Revenue Requirements and Regulatory Compliance.

Q. What are your duties as Director of Revenue Requirements and Regulatory Compliance for PSE?

A. As Director of Revenue Requirements and Regulatory Compliance, I am responsible for strategy, policy, direction and coordination of PSE's interests on state regulatory issues. I oversee state regulatory processes and compliance requirements, including, audits, rate cases and regulatory proceedings. I represent PSE in regulatory issues with state regulators and other constituents. I negotiate rate and tariff issues with customers, agencies, stakeholders and regulators. I am responsible for testifying as a company witness in state rate cases and other regulatory proceedings.

Q. Briefly describe your education and relevant employment experience.

A. I graduated from the University of Washington with Bachelor of Arts degrees in both Business Administration and Arts & Sciences. The Bachelor of Arts degree in Business Administration was in Finance with additional course work in accounting.

From 1985 to 1987, I was employed by Ernst & Whinney’s Telecommunications Consulting Group, in which role I was responsible for the preparation of cost allocation studies for several small telephone companies.

From 1988 to 1990, I was the Manager – Separations at Nevada Bell where my responsibilities were the development of rates for Nevada Bell’s Federal Communications Commission tariff filings along with Federal Communications Commission and National Exchange Carriers Association compliance reporting.

From 1990 to 1992, I was employed by the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission as Revenue Requirement Specialist. My responsibilities included reviewing tariff filings, affiliated interest applications, and performing audits of several telephone companies' compliance reports.

From 1992 to 2011, I was employed by Cascade Natural Gas Corporation. Between 1992 and 1996, I served as a Senior Accountant, in which role I was responsible for developing the jurisdictional balances used in regulatory reporting. From 1996 to 2011, I worked in the Regulatory Affairs department of Cascade Natural Gas Company and served as Manager of Regulatory Affairs prior to my departure in June 2011.

In July 2011, I joined PSE in my current role as Director of Revenue Requirements and Regulatory Compliance.