

**EXH. CTM-2
DOCKET UG-230968
WITNESS: CHRISTOPHER T. MICKELSON**

**BEFORE THE
WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION**

**WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND
TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION,**

Complainant,

v.

PUGET SOUND ENERGY,

Respondent.

Docket UG-230968

**FIRST EXHIBIT (PROFESSIONAL QUALIFICATIONS) TO THE
PREFILED DIRECT TESTIMONY OF**

CHRISTOPHER T. MICKELSON

ON BEHALF OF PUGET SOUND ENERGY

APRIL 25, 2024

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4 **CHRISTOPHER T. MICKELSON**

5 **Q. Please state your name and business address.**

6 A. My name is Christopher T. Mickelson, and my business address is Puget Sound
7 Energy, P.O. Box 97034, Bellevue, Washington 98009-9734.

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

9 A. I am employed by Puget Sound Energy (“PSE”) as Manager of Cost of Service &
10 Pricing.

11 **Q. What are your responsibilities as Manager of Cost of Service & Pricing for**
12 **PSE?**

13 A. As Manager of Cost of Service & Pricing for PSE, I oversee electric and gas cost
14 of service studies, rate spread, rate design, and load research at PSE.

15 **Q. Please summarize your education and relevant employment background.**

16 A. I hold a Bachelor of Arts in Business Administration with emphasis in Finance
17 and Marketing from the University of Washington – Michael G. Foster School of
18 Business, along with a Master of Business Administration Degree from Texas
19 State University’s McCoy College of Business. With over 15 years of experience
20 in the energy and utility industries, I have worked in both public and private
21 sectors.

1 **Q. What is your professional background and experience?**

2 A. From 2007 to 2014, I served as a senior regulatory analyst at the Washington
3 Utilities and Transportation Commission ("Commission"). During this time, I
4 provided expert witness advice on over 610 commission filings related to utilities
5 and transportation industries. From 2014 to 2020, I worked at Austin Energy as a
6 supervising energy analyst within the rates and forecasting group. In this role, I
7 analyzed and developed retail electric rates for one of the nation's largest
8 municipal utilities. From 2020 to 2023, I held the manager of regulatory affairs
9 position at Cascade Natural Gas Corporation, where I managed regulatory affairs
10 in Washington, Oregon, and Idaho, ensuring compliance with regulations and
11 overseeing functions like performance-based regulation, revenue requirement,
12 cost of service, pricing, and tariff development. Since 2018, I have also been a
13 faculty member at Michigan State University in Lansing, Michigan, teaching
14 advanced regulatory theory and utility courses on cost allocation and pricing
15 methodologies. The students in these courses are public utility regulators, policy
16 makers, board members, attorneys, or other students of energy regulatory policies.
17 Throughout my career, I have actively participated or testified in rate proceedings
18 before various commissions, including this Commission, the Public Utility
19 Commission of Oregon, Idaho Public Utilities Commission, and the Public Utility
20 Commission of Texas, focusing on areas such as revenue requirement, cost-of-
21 service, pricing, energy burden programs, and related analyses.