

**EXH. MS-2
DOCKET UG-230968
WITNESS: MATT STEUERWALT**

**BEFORE THE
WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION**

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TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION,**

Complainant,

v.

Docket UG-230968

PUGET SOUND ENERGY,

Respondent.

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

MATT STEUERWALT

ON BEHALF OF PUGET SOUND ENERGY

APRIL 25, 2024

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4 **MATT STEUERWALT**

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

6 A. My name is Matt Steuerwalt, and my business address is Puget Sound Energy,
7 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 Senior Vice President of
10 External Affairs.

11 **Q. What are your duties as Senior Vice President of External Affairs for PSE?**

12 A. I lead PSE’s efforts to engage with policymakers, communities, regulators, and
13 the general public.

14 **Q. Briefly describe your education and relevant employment experience.**

15 A. I began my role as Senior Vice President of External Affairs for Puget Sound
16 Energy in 2023. Prior to that, I held positions in which I worked on complex
17 policy issues in the public and private sectors for more than two decades.

18 Immediately prior to joining PSE, I worked at Insight Strategic Partners, a Seattle-
19 based public affairs firm specializing in government relations, public policy, and
20 strategic communications.

21 Prior to that, I served in senior policy roles for both Governor Jay Inslee and

22 Governor Chris Gregoire. In between my service to the two Governors, I was a

1 senior vice president at Strategies 360, leading work in several states for a number
2 of national and regional energy, technology, and industrial manufacturing clients.
3 I began my work in Washington state as a policy advisor in the Office of the
4 Attorney General.

5 I am a graduate of the University of California at San Diego, and I hold a master's
6 degree in public administration from the Evans School at the University of
7 Washington, where I also teach.

8 **Q. Do you have experience with energy issues in Washington and the region?**

9 A. Yes. During my time at the Attorney General's Office, I worked on RTO West,
10 the initial effort to create a west-wide market. I supported the Washington
11 Attorney General's intervention in the FERC proceedings dealing with the
12 California and larger west-wide market failures in the early 2000s and the
13 subsequent multistate antitrust investigations and settlements (for which I led the
14 *cy pres* distribution of benefits to Washington consumers). I represented
15 Washington in the development of the Western Climate Initiative, the initial
16 regional carbon market. I supervised Governor Inslee's policy team, including the
17 energy and climate advisors, from 2014-2017.

18 In private practice, I have worked for multiple utilities including PSE and Chelan
19 County Public Utility District, advised Hydro One on its attempted acquisition of
20 Avista, and worked for renewable energy developers, oil and gas companies,
21 renewable fuel companies, and solar panel manufacturers. In addition, I worked

1 for TransAlta to negotiate the agreement to shut the Centralia coal plant and
2 secure legislation in support of that agreement.

3 **Q. What is your experience with this Commission?**

4 A. From 1997 to 2004, I worked for the Public Counsel section of the Attorney
5 General's Office. During that time, I worked on every electric and natural gas
6 general rate case and testified in support of settlement in many of those
7 proceedings. I worked on telecommunications policy and pricing proceedings.
8 Additionally, I worked on every merger and acquisition of an energy or
9 telecommunications company that came before the Commission during those
10 years and testified in support of settlement of some of those cases.