BEFORE THE
WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

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Complainant,

v.

PUGET SOUND ENERGY,

Respondent.

DOCKETS UE-220066 and
UG-220067 (consolidated)

In the Matter of the Petition of

PUGET SOUND ENERGY

For an Order Authorizing Deferred
Accounting Treatment for Puget Sound
Energy’s Share of Costs Associated with the
Tacoma LNG Facility

DOCKET UG-210918

EXHIBIT AZA-2
QUALIFICATIONS OF ALI AL-JABIR

JULY 28, 2022
Qualifications of Ali Al-Jabir

Q. PLEASE STATE YOUR NAME AND BUSINESS ADDRESS.

A. Ali Al-Jabir. My business address is 5151 Flynn Parkway, Suite 412 C/D, Corpus Christi, Texas, 78411.

Q. WHAT IS YOUR OCCUPATION AND BY WHOM ARE YOU EMPLOYED?

A. I am a consultant in the field of public utility regulation and an Associate with the firm of Brubaker & Associates, Inc. (“BAI”).

Q. PLEASE STATE YOUR EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND.

A. I am a graduate of the University of Texas at Austin (“UT-Austin”). I hold the degrees of Bachelor of Arts and Master of Arts in Economics, both from UT-Austin. I have also completed course work at Harvard University. I received my B.A. degree with highest honors, and I am a member of the Phi Beta Kappa Honor Society.

Q. PLEASE STATE YOUR EXPERIENCE.

A. I joined BAI in January 1997. My work consists of preparing economic studies and economic policy analysis related to investor-owned, cooperative, and municipal utilities. Prior to joining BAI, I was employed at the Public Utility Commission of Texas (“Texas Commission”) since 1991, where I held various positions including Policy Advisor to the Chairman. As Policy Advisor, I advised the Chairman on policy decisions in numerous rate and rulemaking proceedings. In 1995, I advised the Texas Legislature on the development of the statutory framework for wholesale competition in the Electric Reliability Council of Texas (“ERCOT”), and I was involved in subsequent rulemakings at the Texas Commission to implement wholesale open access transmission service in the region.
During my tenure at the Texas Commission and in my present capacity, I have reviewed and analyzed several electric utility base rate and fuel filings in Texas. I have also worked on utility rate, fuel, and merger proceedings and rulemakings in Virginia, Missouri, Colorado, Indiana, Alberta, Pennsylvania, North Carolina, South Carolina, Michigan and Nova Scotia. In addition to my work on such proceedings, I have drafted policy papers, comments and affidavits regarding electric industry restructuring, competitive policy and market design issues in Texas, Alabama, Louisiana, Georgia, and Delaware, as well as before the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission. I have been an invited speaker at several electric utility industry conferences, and I have presented seminars on utility regulation and industry restructuring.

BAI and its predecessor firm have been active in utility rate and economic consulting since 1937. The firm provides consulting services in the field of public utility regulation to many clients, including large industrial and institutional customers, some competitive retail power providers and utilities and, on occasion, state regulatory agencies. In addition, we have prepared depreciation and feasibility studies relating to utility service. We assist in the negotiation of contracts and the solicitation and procurement of competitive energy supplies for large energy users, provide economic policy analysis on industry restructuring issues, and present seminars on utility regulation. In general, we are engaged in regulatory consulting, economic analysis, energy procurement, and contract negotiation.

In addition to our main office in St. Louis, the firm also has branch offices in Corpus Christi, Texas; Detroit, Michigan; Louisville, Kentucky and Phoenix, Arizona.
Q. HAVE YOU PREVIOUSLY FILED TESTIMONY IN CONTESTED UTILITY PROCEEDINGS?

A. Yes, I have filed written testimony in the following dockets:

1. Texas Docket No. 10035 – Application of West Texas Utilities Company to Reconcile Fuel Costs and for Authority to Change Fixed Fuel Factors;

2. Texas Docket No. 10200 – Application of the Texas - New Mexico Power Company for Authority to Change Rates;

3. Texas Docket No. 10325 – Application of the Central Texas Electric Cooperative, Inc. for Authority to Change Rates;

4. Texas Docket No. 10600 – Application of the Brazos River Authority for Approval of Rates;

5. Texas Docket No. 10881 – Application of the New Era Electric Cooperative, Inc. for Authority to Change Rates;


7. Texas Docket No. 11271 – Application of Bowie-Cass Electric Cooperative, Inc. for Authority to Change Rates;

8. Texas Docket No. 11567 – Application of Kaufman County Electric Cooperative, Inc. for Authority to Change Rates;

9. Texas Docket No. 18607 – Application of West Texas Utilities Company for Authority to Reconcile Fuel Costs;

10. Texas Docket No. 20290 – Application of Central Power & Light Company for Authority to Reconcile Fuel Costs;

11. Virginia Case No. PUE980814 – In the matter of considering an electricity retail access pilot program: American Electric Power – Virginia;

12. Texas Docket No. 21111 – Application of Entergy Gulf States Inc. for Authority to Reconcile Fuel Costs and to Recover a Surcharge for Under-Recovered Fuel Costs;

13. Virginia Case No. PUE990717 – Application of Virginia Electric and Power Company to Revise Its Fuel Factor Pursuant to Virginia Code Section 56-249.6;

15. Texas Docket No. 22350 – Application of TXU Electric Company for Approval of Unbundled Cost of Service Rates Pursuant to PURA Section 39.201 and Public Utility Commission Substantive Rule 25.344 (Phase III);

16. Texas Docket No. 22352 – Application of Central Power and Light Company for Approval of Unbundled Cost of Service Rates Pursuant to PURA Section 39.201 and Public Utility Commission Substantive Rule 25.344 (Final Phase);

17. Texas Docket No. 22353 – Application of Southwestern Electric Power Company for Approval of Unbundled Cost of Service Rates Pursuant to PURA Section 39.201 and Public Utility Commission Substantive Rule 25.344 (Final Phase);

18. Texas Docket No. 22354 – Application of West Texas Utilities Company for Approval of Unbundled Cost of Service Rates Pursuant to PURA Section 39.201 and Public Utility Commission Substantive Rule 25.344 (Final Phase);


20. Texas Docket No. 22349 – Application of Texas-New Mexico Power Company for Approval of Unbundled Cost of Service Rates Pursuant to PURA Section 39.201 and Public Utility Commission Substantive Rule 25.344 (Final Phase);


22. Texas Docket No. 24468 – Staff’s Petition to Determine Readiness for Retail Competition in the Portions of Texas Within the Southwest Power Pool;

23. Texas Docket No. 24469 – Staff’s Petition to Determine Readiness for Retail Competition in the Portions of Texas Within the Southeastern Electric Reliability Council;


25. Texas Docket No. 27035 – Application of Central Power and Light Company for Authority to Reconcile Fuel Costs;

27. Virginia Case No. PUE-2000-00550 -- Appalachian Power Company d/b/a American Electric Power: Regional Transmission Entities;

28. Texas Docket No. 29408 – Application of Entergy Gulf States, Inc. for the Authority to Reconcile Fuel Costs;

29. Texas Docket No. 29801 – Application of Southwestern Public Service Company for: (1) Reconciliation of its Fuel Costs for 2002 and 2003; (2) A Finding of Special Circumstances; and (3) Related Relief;


32. Texas Docket No. 32795 – Staff’s Petition to Initiate a Generic Proceeding to Re-Allocate Stranded Costs Pursuant to PURA Section 39.253(f);

33. Texas Docket No. 33309 – Application of AEP Texas Central Company for Authority to Change Rates;

34. Texas Docket No. 33310 – Application of AEP Texas North Company for Authority to Change Rates;

35. Michigan Case No. U-15245 – In the Matter of the Application of Consumers Energy Company for Authority to Increase its Rates for the Generation and Distribution of Electricity and for Other Rate Relief;

36. Texas Docket No. 34800 – Application of Entergy Gulf States, Inc. for Authority to Change Rates and to Reconcile Fuel Costs;

37. Texas Docket No. 35717 – Application of Oncor Electric Delivery Company LLC for Authority to Change Rates.

38. RIPUC Docket No. 4065 – Application of the Narragansett Electric Company d/b/a National Grid for Approval of a Change in Electric Base Distribution Rates Pursuant to R.I.G.L. Sections 39-3-10 and 39-3-11;

39. RIPUC Docket No. 4323 – Application of the Narragansett Electric Company d/b/a National Grid for Approval of a Change in Electric and Gas Base Distribution Rates Pursuant to R.I.G.L. Sections 39-3-10 and 39-1-3-11;
40. Oregon Docket No. UE 283 -- In the Matter of Portland General Electric Company’s Request for a General Rate Revision;

41. Washington Docket No. UE-141368 -- In the Matter of the Petition of Puget Sound Energy to Update Methodologies Used to Allocate Electric Cost of Service and for Electric Rate Design Purposes;


43. RIPUC Docket No. 4568 – In Re: Review of the Narragansett Electric Company d/b/a National Grid’s Rate Design Pursuant to R.I. General Laws Section 39-26.6-24;


45. RIPUC Docket No. 4770 – The Narragansett Electric Company d/b/a National Grid – Application for Approval of a Change in Electric and Gas Base Distribution Rates;


48. Texas Docket No. 49494 – Application of AEP Texas Inc. for Authority to Change Rates;


50. New Mexico Case No. 20-00121-UT -- In the Matter of the Petition of Public Service Company of New Mexico, Pursuant to the Efficient Use of Energy Act and the Public Utility Act, for Approval of a Rate Adjustment Mechanism to Remove Regulatory Disincentives and Original Rider No. 52;

51. Texas Docket No. 51415 – Application of Southwestern Electric Power Company for Authority to Change Rates; and

52. Alberta Proceeding No. 26911 – In the Matter of the Alberta Utilities Commission Act, S.A. 2007, c. A-37.2, as Amended, and the Regulations Made Thereunder, and In the Matter of the AESO Bulk and Regional Rate Design and Modernized DOS Rate Design Application