

BEFORE THE
WASHINGTON UTILITIES & TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

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CASCADIA WATER, LLC

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Direct Exhibit of Matthew J. Rowell

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Matthew Rowell

Professional History

- **Northwest Natural Water** April 2024 to Present
Water Rates and Regulatory Manager
Prepare and manage water rate cases and other regulatory filings across five states.
- **Global Water Resources, Inc.** April 2021 to April 2024
Manager of Rates and Regulatory Affairs
Provide expert testimony and strategic input in support of the company's rate cases and other regulatory issues. Analyze the financial and regulatory aspects of potential acquisitions.
- **Principal, Insight Utility Consulting, LLC** February 2017 to April 2021
Assist clients with all regulatory issues before the Arizona Corporation Commission. Clients include three of the largest water utilities in Arizona.
- **Arizona Corporation Commission** January 2015 to February 2017
Policy Advisor to Commissioner/Chairman Doug Little
Advised the Commissioner/Chairman on multiple and varied regulatory issues. Assisted in preparing documents such as Policy Papers and Amendments to Recommended/Proposed Orders. Assisted in setting Open Meeting agendas and dealing with the administration of Open Meetings.
- **Principal, Desert Mountain Analytical Services, LLC (DMAS)** 2007 – 2015
DMAS was a small consulting firm specializing in utility finance, ratemaking and other regulatory issues. DMAS' clients ranged in size from large multinational corporations to small rural utilities.
- **Arizona Corporation Commission** 1996 to 2007
Chief Economist (July 2001 to February 2007)
Analyzed and produced testimony or staff reports on a wide variety of utility issues. Supervised a staff of nine professionals with similar responsibilities.

Economist (October 1996 to July 2001)
Analyzed and produced testimony or staff reports on a wide variety of utility issues.

Education

- **Master of Science and ABD Economics**, 1995, Arizona State University.
Successfully completed all course work and exams necessary for a Ph.D. Course work included an emphasis in industrial organization and extensive experience with statistical analysis, public sector economics, and financial economics.
- **Bachelor of Science Economics**, 1992, Florida State University.
Minors: Philosophy, Statistics.

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List of Specific Projects

Arizona Water Company

Provided strategic advice on all aspects of Arizona Water Company's dealings with the Arizona Corporation Commission.

Provided expert testimony regarding the impact of Ajo Improvement Company's proposed rate design on Arizona Water Company. Docket No. WS-01025A-17-0363 et. al.

Liberty Utilities

Provides strategic advice on all aspects of Arizona Water Company's dealings with the Arizona Corporation Commission.

Global Water Resources

Provided strategic advice on all aspects of Global Water's dealings with the Arizona Corporation Commission.

Prepared all rate case schedules for the Pima County Rate Case. The case involved setting new rates and consolidating seven utilities into one. Participated in successful settlement negotiations with Staff. Docket No. W-03945A-23-0130

For the purchase of Rincon Water, developed the regulatory strategy and provided expert testimony in support of that strategy that resulted in the award of a significant acquisition premium. Docket No. W-21150A-21-0095

2020 all system rate case: Provided expert testimony on cost of capital, revenue requirement, rate design, consolidation, and other issues. Managed the rate case schedules for this highly complex case that involved multiple consolidation and stand alone scenarios. Docket No. SW-20445A-20-0214 et. al.

Consulted on Global's seven company rate case: Provided expert testimony regarding Global's cost of capital and rate consolidation. Formatted the billing data from the seven systems to allow for bill-count analysis and rate design. Consulted on the totality of schedules and testimony. Participated in multi-party settlement talks. Was instrumental in developing Global's settlement strategy that ultimately resulted in an ACC decision that resolved the complex and highly contested issue of the regulatory treatment of ICFA agreements. Developed full rate case schedules for each of the seven companies that support the settlement revenue requirements and rate designs. Docket Nos. SW-20445A-12-0309 et al.

Provided expert testimony regarding Global's financial viability and regulatory status before an arbitration panel. American Arbitration Association Case Nos. 76 198 Y 0104 11JMLE and 76 198 Y 0105 11 JMLE.

Provided strategic advice and analysis to Global re the ACC's ongoing water workshops.

Previous rate case testimony: Cost of Capital, Rate Consolidation, treatment of Infrastructure Coordination and Finance Agreements, Docket No. W-20446A-09-0080.

Prepared and sponsored testimony on Global's Notice of Intent to Restructure, Docket No. W-20446A-08-0247.

Provided strategic guidance regarding the Arizona Water complaint against Global, Docket No. W-01445A-06-0200.

EPCOR Utilities, Inc.

Provided consulting services on EPCOR's multisystem rate case (Docket No. WS-01303A-14-0010) and CC&N applications (WS-01303A-13-0446.)

Provided strategic advice on the Arizona regulatory environment as it relates to EPCOR's purchase of Arizona utilities.

Joshua Valley Utility Company

Prepared all schedules necessary for a water rate case.

Baca Float Water Company

Prepared all schedules necessary for water and wastewater rate cases.

Park Water Company, Inc.

Prepared all schedules necessary for a water rate case.

Dragoon Water Company

Prepared all schedules necessary for a water rate case. Docket No. W-01917A-14-0313

Greenhaven Water and Sewer Companies

Prepared all schedules necessary for water and wastewater rate cases.

Valle Verde Water Company

Successfully negotiated a Settlement with the ACC Staff that resulted in a meaningful revenue increase and resolution of several regulatory issues. Docket No. W-01431A-13-0265.

Truxton Canyon Water Company

Prepared a valuation of assets owned by Truxton's affiliate that are to be transferred to Truxton. Docket No. W-02168A-11-0363

Naco Water Company

Prepared all schedules and testimony necessary for a rate case and am co-managing the responses to data requests. Docket No. W-02860A-13-0399.

Arizona Windsong

Produced all schedules necessary for a rate case application. Docket No. W-02250A-14-0028.

East Slope Water Company

Provided a valuation of East Slope Water Company for estate purposes.

Arizona Coalition for Water Energy and Jobs

Provided an expert report on the EPA's Best Available Retrofit Technology proposal for the Navajo Generation Station.

Cordes Lakes Water Company

Provided expert testimony regarding all aspects of Cordes Lake's rate case. Participated in the successful negotiation of a settlement with ACC Staff. Docket No. W-02060A-12-0356.

Assembled all necessary information for an application to extend Cordes Lakes CC&N area. Docket No. W-02060A-14-0281.

Consulted with company on various regulatory matters.

Ray Water Company, Inc.

Provided expert testimony regarding Ray Water Company's cost of capital, Docket No. W-01380A-12-0254.

Rio Rico Properties

Provided testimony in the Rio Rico Utilities rate case, Docket No. WS-02676A-09-0257.

Residential Utility Consumer Office

Provided testimony re affiliate relations in the Litchfield Park Service Company Rate Case, Docket No. SW-01428A-09-0103.

Other

Assisted with financial analysis, rate design and other rate case testimony and schedules for East Slope, Antelope Run, Indiada, Southland and other small water companies.

ACC Staff

Southern California Edison's application to build a high voltage power line linking Arizona to Southern California L-00000A-06-0295-00130: Provided testimony detailing the potential economic effects of SCE's proposed power line.

APS Rate Case E-01345A-05-0816: Provided testimony on staff's position on APS' proposed Environmental Improvement Charge. Also acted as the overall case manager and was responsible for coordinating all of staff's testimony.

APS Application to acquire a power plant in the Yuma area E-01345A-06-0464: Provided testimony detailing Staff's position on the application.

Managed Staff's case (including negotiating a settlement agreement) in APS' 2003 rate case.

Negotiated (along with other Staff members) the settlement between staff and Qwest regarding three enforcement dockets.

Supervised the "independent monitor" of APS' and Tucson Electric Power's wholesale power procurement.

Staff's lead witness in the Commission's reevaluation of the electric competition rules which resulted in the suspension of APS' and TEP's obligation to divest their generation assets (E-00000A-02-0051.)

Accipiter's complaint against Cox Communications regarding the Vistancia development T-03471A-05-0064: Provided testimony regarding Accipiter's allegations concerning Cox's dealings with the developers of Vistancia.

Provided testimony on Qwest's noncompliance with the Commission's wholesale rate order.

Managed Staff's case regarding Qwest's alleged noncompliance with the Federal Telecommunications Act.

Supervised the testing of Qwest's operational support systems (OSS) and the development of Qwest's Performance Assurance Plan as part of Qwest's compliance with Section 271 of the Federal Telecommunications Act.

Provided testimony on the geographic de-averaging of Qwest's Unbundled Network Element prices.

Acted as Chairman of the Commission's Water Task Force.