

EXHIBIT NO. _____ (MHO-2)
DOCKET NOS. UE-170033/UG-170034
2017 PSE GENERAL RATE CASE
WITNESS: MICHAEL H. O'BRIEN

BEFORE THE WASHINGTON
UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND
TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION,

Complainant,

v.

PUGET SOUND ENERGY,

Respondent.

DOCKETS UE-170033 and UG-170034
(Consolidated)

EXHIBIT MHO-2 TO PREFILED RESPONSE TESTIMONY

(NON-CONFIDENTIAL) OF MICHAEL H. O'BRIEN

ON BEHALF OF NW ENERGY COALITION, RENEWABLE NORTHWEST,

AND NATURAL RESOURCES DEFENSE COUNCIL

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EDUCATION

University of Cambridge, Judge Business School
MPhil. Technology Policy (2008)

University of Birmingham, School of Physics and Astronomy
Ph.D. Nuclear Physics, thesis "Materials in Future Nuclear Fusion Power Plants" (2008)
Combined MSc. Physics and Technology of Nuclear Reactors (2004)
BSc. (Hons) Physics and Space Research (2003)

EXPERIENCE

Research Director—Renewable Northwest, Portland, OR (2012–present) www.renewablenw.org

Responsibilities and duties:

- Analysing and directing research into renewable energy policy, regulation and legislation.
- Providing analytical and policy support to legislative work and regulatory advocacy.
- Leading the organization on stakeholder participation in regional utility planning.

Policy Advisor and Committee Specialist—Energy and Climate Change Committee
House of Commons, UK Parliament, London (2010–2012) www.parliament.uk/ecc

Responsibilities and duties:

- Writing concise, evidence-based reports making policy recommendations to the executive.
- Ability to communicate effectively with politicians from a wide range of backgrounds.
- Building and maintaining a network of contacts across government, business, industry, academia, media and the NGO community.
- Management of multiple projects to tight deadlines, both individually and in teams.

Energy Advisor—Parliamentary Office of Science and Technology (POST)
UK Houses of Parliament, Westminster, London (2008–2010) www.parliament.uk/post

Responsibilities and duties:

- Writing objective and accessible policy briefs for legislators in both Houses of Parliament.
- Interviewing experts, policy-makers and stakeholders.

HONORS

Expert Reviewer—Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) (2012–present)
■ Reviewer of the draft of the Working Group III (mitigation of climate change) contribution to the IPCC Fifth Assessment Report (AR5), focusing on Energy Systems.

International Visitor Leadership Program (IVLP)—US Department of State
Theme: Energy Security for the Future: Clean Energy and Alternative Fuels
(12 September–3 October 2009) <http://exchanges.state.gov/ivlp>

- The State Department selected European "emerging leaders" in the field of field of energy policy to travel to the US and share insights on best practices and perspectives.