

**Exhibit No. \_\_\_(PEP-1)**  
**Docket UG-080546**  
**Witness: Paula Pyron**

**BEFORE THE WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION  
COMMISSION**

**WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND  
TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION,**

**Complainant,**

**v.**

**NORTHWEST NATURAL GAS COMPANY,**

**Respondent**

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**PROFESSIONAL QUALIFICATIONS OF PAULA E. PYRON  
ON BEHALF OF NORTHWEST INDUSTRIAL GAS USERS**

**OCTOBER 31, 2008**

**Paula E. Pyron**  
**Statement of Qualifications**

Paula Pyron is the Executive Director of the Northwest Industrial Gas Users (“NWIGU”), a nonprofit association of 39 large end-users of natural gas with facilities in Oregon, Washington and Idaho. The association represents its members’ interests in distributor and pipeline rate cases, tariff filings and regulatory policy issues in the three states and at the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission. Ms. Pyron accepted this representation of NWIGU effective September 2000.

Ms. Pyron has been a lawyer since 1983, hailing from the oil patch in Tulsa, Oklahoma for the first several years of her business-focused practice with the law firm of Boesche, McDermott & Eskridge. She began private practice in Portland, Oregon in 1991 with an emphasis in energy regulation and contract negotiation. She represented Northwest Industrial Gas Users from 1991 to 1999 as one of its outside counsel, most recently as a partner at Energy Advocates LLP, and prior to that firm’s founding was a partner at Ball Janik LLP. Immediately prior to her engagement as NWIGU’s executive director, from 1999 to 2000, she managed the legal department in Portland as Assistant General Counsel for PG&E Gas Transmission, Northwest Corporation.

Ms. Pyron is admitted to practice in the state bars of Oregon and Oklahoma and numerous federal courts. She is a 1983 graduate of the University of Tulsa, College of Law and has a BS in Economics, *summa cum laude* from the University of Texas at Dallas. She has testified on energy regulatory and legislative matters in Oregon and Washington before the Oregon Public Utility Commission (OPUC), the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission (WUTC), and state legislative committees. She has appeared on numerous occasions before the WUTC, the OPUC and the Idaho Public Utility Commission as executive director of NWIGU.