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Docket UG-080546
Witness: Steven Weiss

**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 STEVEN WEISS
ON BEHALF OF NORTHWEST ENERGY COALITION**

OCTOBER 31, 2008

Steven Weiss

Current Position	Senior Policy Associate, NW Energy Coalition	
Experience	1995–Present	NW Energy Coalition Seattle, WA
	Senior Policy Associate	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sr. member of the policy team implementing NWECC's policy goals relating to a clean and affordable energy future. • Areas of responsibility include Bonneville Power Administration, Oregon PUC, Oregon Legislature, NW Power Planning Council, Grid West/Columbia Grid,, Oregon Advisory Committee on Energy (low-income issues), occasional DC lobbying. 	
	1993–1995	Clients: NW Energy Coalition, OR Dept. of Energy, WA Utilities and Transportation Commission
	Consultant	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Policy development and advocacy on Regional energy issues. • Published newsletter on BPA's Power Sales Contract Negotiations. 	
	1984–1995	Salem Electric Co-op Salem, OR
	Director–Elected to four 3-year terms	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chair, 1989-91 • Initiated, or major co-sponsor of the following initiatives: • Inverted residential rates • Low-income energy assistance program • Efficient appliance rebates, recycling rebates, at-cost CFLs, etc. • Salem Electric "Building Code" which gives builders incentives for efficient building practices. • Integrated Resource Planning. • Representative to NWPPA, PPC, NRECA 	
	1980–1996	Bicycle Doctors bicycle shops Salem, OR
	Owner–2 stores	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Staff of 8 • Sales of \$450,000 annually 	
	1971–1985	
	Instructor/Professor	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1971-1977 Physics Instructor, Bucknell University • 1977-1979 Assistant Professor, Clarion State College. Research and teaching on campus demonstration high school. • 1980-1985 Math/statistics instructor (part-time), Chemeketa Community College, Salem, OR 	

2003–Present

Board of Directors

- Elected to Citizens' Utility Board board of directors, 2002 and 2005

Regulatory and other Policy Experience

Prepared testimony and participated as key Witness for NW Energy Coalition:

- 1996, 2001, 2002, 2006 Bonneville Power Administration rate cases
- Numerous BPA proceedings including Power Function Review, Resource Adequacy Forum, Comprehensive Review, Subscription process, Regional Dialogue, etc.
- 1998, 2000, 2003, 2006 PacifiCorp and Portland General Electric Integrated Resource Planning dockets.
- 1996 docket on purchase of PGE by Enron
- 1999 docket on purchase of PacifiCorp by Scottish Power
- 2001 PGE decoupling docket
- 2001 PacifiCorp and PGE restructuring dockets following passage of SB 1149
- 2002 UM1066 docket on Regulatory Policies affecting resource development
- 2002 NW Natural dockets establishing decoupling, public purpose charges
- 2004 Puget Power gas and electric docket on rate design
- 2005 Oregon dockets on competitive bidding, and Least Cost Planning requirements
- 2004-5 Oregon dockets instituting decoupling/public purposes for Cascade Natural Gas

Lead negotiator for NW Energy Coalition:

- 1996 BPA contract negotiations on tiered rates
- Development of Grid West (RTO)
- 2001 BPA's "Safety-Net" rate adjustments
- 2002-05 BPA's Regional Dialogue

Education

- 1968 BA Physics and Math, Univ. of California, Berkeley
- 1975 MS Education, Bucknell Univ., Lewisburg, Pennsylvania

Accomplishments with NW Energy Coalition

- 1997, 1999 Oregon Legislative sessions – Co-authored and lobbied to pass SB 1149, Oregon's electricity restructuring law.
- Co-founded the Fair and Clean Energy Coalition, Oregon public interest lobbying coalition
- Expert witness in numerous Oregon PUC dockets and rulemakings, including proposals to decouple PGE and NW Natural's distribution rates, least-cost plans, etc.
- Expert witness in BPA rate cases, including developing rate adjustment mechanisms now part of the agency's rates.
- Environmental representative to GridWest development group. Filed testimony and comments to FERC on RTO West and other transmission and market issues.
- Serve on Governor's Advisory Committee on Energy which advises Oregon agencies on low-income issues. Served on Portfolio Advisory Committee which develops portfolio choices for Oregon consumers under SB 1149. Serve on Energy Trust of Oregon's Conservation Advisory Council.
- Provide analysis and coordination with salmon advocates and tribes relating to energy/salmon issues.