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### BEFORE THE WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMISSION,

DOCKET NO. UE-031725

Complainant,

v.

PUGET SOUND ENERGY, INC.,

Respondents.

### **EXHIBIT OF**

Kenneth L. Elgin

## STAFF OF WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

Experience and Qualifications of Kenneth L. Elgin

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He received a Bachelor of Arts from the University of Puget Sound in 1974 and a Master of Business Administration from Washington State University in 1980. In January, 1985 he was initially employed by the Commission as a Utilities Rate Research Specialist for the Utilities Division. In that initial assignment he focused primarily on financial analysis and rate of return issues for all regulated utilities. He also was responsible for natural gas issues as the industry restructured in response to changes in Federal regulatory policy. In December, 1989 he was promoted to the position of Assistant Director for Energy as part of the reorganization of the Regulatory Services Division. In that capacity, he was responsible for the policy direction of the Utilities Division's electric and natural gas programs, which included the natural gas safety program. In 1995, he assumed hi present position as the Case Strategist for the Division. In this current assignment he consults with or represents Staff on all aspects of energy cases presented to the Commission in the context of litigation. He also is a resource for other sections in the Division in contested proceedings before the Commission.

Mr. Elgin has testified before the Commission on many occasions as outlined in the attached table. He has testified before the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission on issues related to rate design and risk for interstate

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natural gas pipelines. He has testified on several occasions in Superior Court regarding the regulation of investor-owned utilities, including issues of rate of return and valuation under the public service laws, as administered by the Commission pursuant to Title 80 & 81 RCW. He has also testified in arbitrations in valuation cases for the Department of Revenue. He has been the lead analyst for numerous tariff filings, and in that capacity presented Staff recommendations to the Commission at its regular open public meeting. Finally, he has made several studies of the cost of capital for energy companies in rate case filings, all of which led to settlements of this issue.

During his nineteen years of experience working on energy and financial issues, he has developed a thorough working knowledge of both the operations and financial profiles of all energy utilities operating in Washington.

The following page is a summary of the contested cases Mr. Elgin describing the issues where he presented testimony:

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## COMPANY NAME

Rate of Return	
Telephone/Access Charges	

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U-85-23	Telephone/Access Charges	Rate of Return
U-86-41	Northwest Natural Gas	Rate of Return, Rate of Design
U-86-100	Cascade Natural Gas	Rate of Return, Competitive Pricing
U-86-117	Washington Natural Gas	Purchased Gas Policy
U-87-640	Continental Telephone	Rate of Return
U-87-1338	Pacific Power & Light	Merger Policy
U-87-1532	Washington Water Power	Rate Design, Cost of Service
U-88-2126/2127	Northwest Natural Gas	Competitive Pricing, Special Contracts
U-88-2173	Yelm Telephone Company	Return of Equity
U-88-2380-T	Washington Water Power	Policy, Purchased Gas Adjustment, Rate Design, Services, Transportation
U-89-3105	Washington Water Power	Prudence, Excess Capacity
UE-901183	Puget Sound Power & Light	Regulatory Reform
UE-901459	Washington Water Power	Policy, Bypass, Rate Design
UG-920630	Puget Sound Power & Light	Regulatory Reform
UG-920840	Washington Natural Gas	Policy
UE-921262 et al	Puget Sound Power & Light	Policy, Prudence
UE-950570	Puget Sound Power & Light	Exit Fees, Stranded Cost
UE-971422	Washington Water Power	Banded Rates, Price Discrimination
UE-981149	Washington Water Power	Service Territory Agreements
UE-981410	Puget Sound Energy	Tariff Interpretation
UE-990267	Puget Sound Energy	Policy, Transfer of Property - Colstrip
UE-991255	Avista	Policy, Property Transfer, Centralia
UE-991262	PacifiCorp	
UE-991409	Puget Sound Energy	
UE-010395	Avista	Emergency Rates, Financial Policy
TO-011472	Olympic Pipeline	Interim Rate Relief, Policy & Financial Analysis
FERC DOCKET NUMBER	COMPANY NAME	ISSUE
RP 95-409	Northwest Pipeline Corporation	Capital Structure, Rate Design, Risk