

EXHIBIT NO. ___(KJB-2)
DOCKET NO. UE-12___
WITNESS: KATHERINE J. BARNARD

**BEFORE THE
WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION**

Petition of

PUGET SOUND ENERGY, INC.

**for Approval of a Power Purchase Agreement
for Acquisition of Coal Transition Power, as
Defined in RCW 80.80.010, and the Recovery
of Related Acquisition Costs**

Docket No. UE-12___

**FIRST EXHIBIT (PROFESSIONAL QUALIFICATION) TO THE
PREFILED DIRECT TESTIMONY OF
KATHERINE J. BARNARD
ON BEHALF OF PUGET SOUND ENERGY, INC.**

AUGUST 20, 2012

1 **PUGET SOUND ENERGY, INC.**

2 **FIRST EXHIBIT (PROFESSIONAL QUALIFICATIONS) TO THE**
3 **PREFILED DIRECT TESTIMONY OF KATHERINE J. BARNARD**

4 **Q. Please state your name and business address.**

5 A. My name is Katherine J. Barnard. My business address is 10885 NE Fourth
6 Street, Bellevue, Washington, 98004-5591.

7 **Q. By whom are you employed and in what capacity?**

8 A. I am employed by Puget Sound Energy, Inc. ("PSE") as Director of State
9 Regulatory Affairs.

10 **Q. What are your duties as Director of State Regulatory Affairs for PSE?**

11 A. As Director of State Regulatory Affairs for PSE, I am responsible for strategy,
12 policy, direction and coordination of PSE's interests on state regulatory issues. I
13 oversee state regulatory processes and compliance requirements, including,
14 audits, rate cases and regulatory proceedings. I represent PSE in regulatory issues
15 with state regulators and other constituents. I negotiate rate and tariff issues with
16 customers, agencies, stakeholders and regulators. I am responsible for testifying
17 as a company witness in state rate cases and other regulatory proceedings.

1 **Q. Briefly describe your education and relevant employment experience.**

2 A. I graduated from the University of Washington with Bachelor of Arts degrees in
3 both Business Administration and Arts & Sciences. The Bachelor of Arts degree
4 in Business Administration was in Finance with additional course work in
5 accounting.

6 From 1985 to 1987, I was employed by Ernst & Whinney's Telecommunications
7 Consulting Group, in which role I was responsible for the preparation of cost
8 allocation studies for several small telephone companies.

9 From 1988 to 1990, I was the Manager – Separations at Nevada Bell where my
10 responsibilities were the development of rates for Nevada Bell's Federal
11 Communications Commission tariff filings along with Federal Communications
12 Commission and National Exchange Carriers Association compliance reporting.

13 From 1990 to 1992, I was employed by the Washington Utilities and
14 Transportation Commission as Revenue Requirement Specialist. My
15 responsibilities included reviewing tariff filings, affiliated interest applications,
16 and performing audits of several telephone companies' compliance reports.

17 From 1992 to 2011, I was employed by Cascade Natural Gas Corporation.

18 Between 1992 and 1996, I served as a Senior Accountant, in which role I was
19 responsible for developing the jurisdictional balances used in regulatory
20 reporting. From 1996 to 2011, I worked in the Regulatory Affairs department of

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Cascade Natural Gas Company and served as Manager of Regulatory Affairs prior to my departure in June 2011.

In July 2011, I joined PSE in my current role as Director of State Regulatory Affairs.