

BEFORE THE
WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND)
TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION,)
Complainant,)
v.)
PUGET SOUND ENERGY,)
Respondent.)

DOCKETS UE-190529 and
UG-190530 (*consolidated*)

In the Matter of the Petition of)
PUGET SOUND ENERGY)
For an Order Authorizing Deferral)
Accounting and Ratemaking Treatment)
for Short-life UT/Technology Investment.)

DOCKETS UE-190274 and
UG-190275 (*consolidated*)

EXHIBIT BCC-2
QUALIFICATIONS OF BRIAN C. COLLINS
JANUARY 15, 2019

Qualifications of Brian C. Collins

Q. PLEASE STATE YOUR NAME AND BUSINESS ADDRESS.

A. Brian C. Collins. My business address is 16690 Swingley Ridge Road, Suite 140, Chesterfield, MO 63017.

Q. WHAT IS YOUR OCCUPATION AND BY WHOM ARE YOU EMPLOYED?

A. I am a consultant in the field of public utility regulation and a Principal with the firm of Brubaker & Associates, Inc. ("BAI"), energy, economic and regulatory consultants.

Q. PLEASE SUMMARIZE YOUR EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND AND WORK EXPERIENCE.

A. I graduated from Southern Illinois University Carbondale with a Bachelor of Science degree in Electrical Engineering. I also graduated from the University of Illinois at Springfield with a Master of Business Administration degree. Prior to joining BAI, I was employed by the Illinois Commerce Commission and City Water Light & Power ("CWLP") in Springfield, Illinois.

My responsibilities at the Illinois Commerce Commission included the review of the prudence of utilities' fuel costs in fuel adjustment reconciliation cases before the Commission as well as the review of utilities' requests for certificates of public convenience and necessity for new electric transmission lines. My responsibilities at CWLP included generation and transmission system planning. While at CWLP, I completed several thermal and voltage studies in support of CWLP's operating and planning decisions. I also performed duties for CWLP's Operations Department, including calculating CWLP's monthly cost of production. I also determined CWLP's allocation of wholesale purchased power costs to retail and wholesale customers for use in the monthly fuel adjustment.

In June 2001, I joined BAI as a Consultant. Since that time, I have participated in the analysis of various utility rate and other matters in several states and before the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (“FERC”). I have filed or presented testimony before the Arkansas Public Service Commission, the California Public Utilities Commission, the Delaware Public Service Commission, the Public Service Commission of the District of Columbia, the Florida Public Service Commission, the Georgia Public Service Commission, the Idaho Public Utilities Commission, the Illinois Commerce Commission, the Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission, the Kentucky Public Service Commission, the Public Utilities Board of Manitoba, the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission, the Missouri Public Service Commission, the Montana Public Service Commission, the North Dakota Public Service Commission, the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio, the Oregon Public Utility Commission, the Rhode Island Public Utilities Commission, the Virginia State Corporation Commission, the Public Service Commission of Wisconsin, the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission, and the Wyoming Public Service Commission. I have also assisted in the analysis of transmission line routes proposed in certificate of convenience and necessity proceedings before the Public Utility Commission of Texas.

In 2009, I completed the University of Wisconsin – Madison High Voltage Direct Current (“HVDC”) Transmission Course for Planners that was sponsored by the Midwest Independent Transmission System Operator, Inc. (“MISO”).

BAI was formed in April 1995. BAI and its predecessor firm has participated in more than 700 regulatory proceedings in forty states and Canada.

BAI provides consulting services in the economic, technical, accounting, and financial aspects of public utility rates and in the acquisition of utility and energy services through RFPs and negotiations, in both regulated and unregulated markets. Our clients include large industrial and institutional customers, some utilities and, on occasion, state regulatory agencies. We also prepare special studies and reports, forecasts, surveys and siting studies, and present seminars on utility-related issues.

In general, we are engaged in energy and regulatory consulting, economic analysis and contract negotiation. In addition to our main office in St. Louis, the firm also has branch offices in Phoenix, Arizona and Corpus Christi, Texas.