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Docket Nos. UE-920433, UE-920499 and UE-921262
Witness: Diane R. Sorrells

BEFORE THE WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

Petition of PUGET SOUND POWER &
LIGHT COMPANY for an Order
Regarding the Accounting Treatment
of Residential Exchange Benefits

DOCKET NO. UE-920433

WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND
TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION,

Complainant,

DOCKET NO. UE-920499

v.

PUGET SOUND POWER & LIGHT COMPANY,

Respondent.

WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND
TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION,

Complainant,

DOCKET NO. UE-921262

v.

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For Commission Staff

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OUTLINE OF PROFESSIONAL BACKGROUND

I have been employed on the staff of the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission (Commission) since July 1991. I provide senior analysis of complex electric regulatory issues using economic, statistical and public policy methodologies. Through this analysis I recommend decisions to the Commission which can best further the energy regulatory goals of reliable service at reasonable cost while addressing environmental and socio-economic impacts.

I have worked on utility tariffs, demand-side management (DSM) programs, removal of disincentives for DSM programs, least cost planning, resource acquisition, and cost-effectiveness analysis. I represent the Commission on a number of utility advisory groups and on the Inter-Agency Task Force on Environmental Externalities.

In 1990, I was employed by the Minnesota Department of Public Service as a Public Utilities Rates Analyst. In that capacity, I testified on behalf of the Minnesota Department of Public Service in the 1991 Dakota Electric Association general rate case, Docket No. E111/GR-91-74, on cost of service, and in the 1990 Midwest Gas Company general rate case, Docket No. G010/GR-90-678, on conservation and marketing issues.

I also analyzed many miscellaneous petitions, worked on investigations, and submitted recommendations to the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission. Among the issues I analyzed are the reliability and cost of gas supplies, financial incentives for demand-side management programs, the content of conservation projects and the recovery of conservation costs.

From 1987 to 1990, I was employed by the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission as a Public Utilities Rates Analyst. In that capacity I worked on similar issues, as well as on issues related to rate design, rate of return and service areas. As a staff person at the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission I analyzed testimony, questioned witnesses and presented briefing materials to the Minnesota Commission in the following general rate cases: E002/GR-89-865, Northern States Power (financial incentives); P421/EI-89-860, Northwestern Bell (rate of return); E002/GR-87-670, Northern States Power (conservation, residential rate design); and, E015/GR-87-223, Minnesota Power (residential and small C&I rate design).

In 1988, I received a Masters of Arts Degree in Public Affairs from the Hubert H. Humphrey Institute at the University of Minnesota. I received a Bachelors of Social Science Degree in Economics and Politics from Southampton University in England in 1985. I also completed the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners Annual Regulatory Studies Program in East Lansing, Michigan, in 1989.