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2001 PSE RATE CASE
WITNESS: WILLIAM A. GAINES

BEFORE THE
WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

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TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION,

Complainant,

v.

PUGET SOUND ENERGY, INC.

Respondent.

QUALIFICATIONS OF WILLIAM A. GAINES
ON BEHALF OF PUGET SOUND ENERGY, INC.

1 **PUGET SOUND ENERGY, INC.**

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4 Since February of 1997 I have served as Vice President Energy Supply at Puget
5 Sound Energy, Inc., the largest combination gas/electric utility in the Pacific Northwest.
6 For approximately twenty years preceding this assignment, I held positions of increasing
7 responsibility in the Power Supply unit at Puget, which was then known as Puget Sound
8 Power & Light Company. My responsibilities during that time encompassed all aspects
9 of utility power supply planning and operations including both short- and long-term
10 planning, production cost modeling, economic analysis of supply alternatives, supply and
11 transmission contracting, inter-utility transactions, hydroelectric coordination, power
12 scheduling and trading, and regulatory analysis and support at both the retail and
13 wholesale levels. Because of this background, I am familiar with the institutional, legal,
14 regulatory, physical and economic relationships in the Pacific Northwest energy industry.

15 In 1978 I received the Bachelor of Science degree in Electrical Engineering (with
16 concentration in power systems) from Washington State University. In 1984, I received
17 the Master of Business Administration degree (with concentration in finance) from the
18 University of Puget Sound.

19 I am a member of the Board of the Pacific Northwest Utilities Conference
20 Committee (PNUCC), the Board of the Northwest Gas Association (NGA), and of the
21 Executive Committee of the Western Systems Power Pool (WSPP). I also serve on the
22 Advisory Board for the College of Engineering at Washington State University.

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