**EXHIBIT NO. \_\_\_(CAK-2 )  
DOCKETS UE‑17\_\_\_/UG-17\_\_\_  
2017 PSE GENERAL RATE CASE   
WITNESS:  CATHERINE A. KOCH**

**BEFORE THE**

**WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION**

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| **WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION,**  **Complainant,**  **v.**  **PUGET SOUND ENERGY,**  **Respondent.** | **Docket UE-17\_\_\_\_ Docket UG-17\_\_\_\_** |

**FIRST EXHIBIT (PROFESSIONAL QUALIFICATIONS) TO THE  
PREFILED DIRECT TESTIMONY OF**

**CATHERINE A. KOCH**

**ON BEHALF OF PUGET SOUND ENERGY**

**JANUARY 13, 2017**

**PUGET SOUND ENERGY**

**FIRST EXHIBIT (PROFESSIONAL QUALIFICATIONS) TO THE PREFILED DIRECT TESTIMONY OF CATHERINE A. KOCH**

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

A. My name is Catherine A. Koch. My business address is 10885 N.E. 4th Street, P.O. Box 97034, Bellevue WA 98009-9734.

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

A. I am employed by Puget Sound Energy (“PSE”) as Director of Planning.

**Q. What are your duties as Director of Planning?**

A. As Director of Planning, I am responsible for planning, analysis and budgeting for gas and electric transmission and distribution infrastructure needs, including standards development and administration, materials and commodity analysis, directing a working relationship with various municipal agencies for land planning and permitting to support infrastructure projects, and directing smart grid planning and implementation.

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

A. I received a Bachelor of Science in Mechanical Engineering from the University of Washington. I obtained a Professional Engineering License in Mechanical Engineering in 1996, and have attended numerous continuing education courses or training, sponsored by NERC and other entities. I began my career as an engineer for Washington Natural Gas (“WNG”) in 1991 and have worked at WNG and PSE since that time. I have held various positions including: Manager, Total Energy System Planning; Manager, Contract Administration; and Reliability Compliance Manager. Immediately prior to my present position at PSE, I held the position of Director Compliance.