

**BEFORE THE WASHINGTON
UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION**

WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND)
TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION,)

Complainant,)

vs.)

PUGET SOUND ENERGY, INC.,)

Respondent.)

In the Matter of the Petition of)

PUGET SOUND ENERGY, INC.)

For an Order Regarding the Accounting)
Treatment for Certain Costs of the)
Company's Power Cost Only Rate Filing.)

In the Matter of the Petition of)

PUGET SOUND ENERGY, INC.)

For an Accounting Order Authorizing)
Deferral and Recovery of the Investment)
and Costs Related to the White River)
Hydroelectric Project.)

DOCKET NO. UG-040640
DOCKET NO. UE-040641
(consolidated)

DOCKET NO. UE-031471
(consolidated)

DOCKET NO. UE-032043
(consolidated)

EXHIBIT NO. __ (DWS-2)

DONALD SCHOENBECK QUALIFICATIONS

September 23, 2004

**QUALIFICATIONS AND BACKGROUND
OF
DONALD W. SCHOENBECK**

1 **Q. PLEASE STATE YOUR NAME AND BUSINESS ADDRESS.**

2 **A.** Donald W. Schoenbeck, 900 Washington Street, Suite 780, Vancouver, Washington
3 98660.

4 **Q. PLEASE STATE YOUR OCCUPATION.**

5 **A.** I am a consultant in the field of public utility regulation and I am a member of Regulatory
6 & Cogeneration Services, Inc. ("RCS").

7 **Q. PLEASE SUMMARIZE YOUR EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND AND**
8 **EXPERIENCE.**

9 **A.** I have a Bachelor of Science Degree in Electrical Engineering from the University of
10 Kansas and a Master of Science Degree in Engineering Management from the University
11 of Missouri.

12 From June of 1972 until June of 1980, I was employed by Union Electric
13 Company in the Transmission and Distribution, Rates, and Corporate Planning functions.
14 In the Transmission and Distribution function, I had various areas of responsibility,
15 including load management, budget proposals and special studies. While in the Rates
16 function, I worked on rate design studies, filings and exhibits for several regulatory
17 jurisdictions. In Corporate Planning, I was responsible for the development and
18 maintenance of computer models used to simulate the Company's financial and economic
19 operations.

20 In June of 1980, I joined the national consulting firm of Drazen-Brubaker &
21 Associates, Inc. Since that time, I have participated in the analysis of various utilities for
22 power cost forecasts, avoided cost pricing, contract negotiations for gas and electric

1 services, siting and licensing proceedings, and rate case purposes including revenue
2 requirement determination, class cost-of-service and rate design.

3 In April 1988, I formed RCS. RCS provides consulting services in the field of
4 public utility regulation to many clients, including large industrial and institutional
5 customers. We also assist in the negotiation of contracts for utility services for large
6 users. In general, we are engaged in regulatory consulting, rate work, feasibility,
7 economic and cost-of-service studies, design of rates for utility service and contract
8 negotiations.

9 **Q. IN WHICH JURISDICTIONS HAVE YOU TESTIFIED AS AN EXPERT**
10 **WITNESS REGARDING UTILITY COST AND RATE MATTERS?**

11 **A.** I have testified as an expert witness in rate proceedings before commissions in the states
12 of Alaska, Arizona, California, Delaware, Idaho, Illinois, Montana, Nevada, North
13 Carolina, Ohio, Oregon, Washington, Wisconsin and Wyoming. In addition, I have
14 presented testimony before the Bonneville Power Administration, the National Energy
15 Board of Canada, the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, publicly-owned utility
16 boards and in court proceedings in the states of Washington, Oregon and California.