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Docket No. UE-070565
Witness: Gene L. Waas

**BEFORE THE WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION
COMMISSION**

**WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND
TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION,**

Complainant,

v.

PUGET SOUND ENERGY, INC,

Respondent.

DOCKET UE-070565

TESTIMONY OF

GENE L. WAAS

**STAFF OF
WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND
TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION**

Qualifications

July 23, 2007

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

2 A. My name is Gene L. Waas. My business address is the Richard Hemstad Building,
3 1300 South Evergreen Park Drive Southwest, P.O. Box 47250, Olympia,
4 Washington, 98504.

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

7 A. I am employed by the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission
8 ("WUTC" or "Commission") as the Assistant Director for Energy.

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10 **Q. What are your duties as Assistant Director for Energy?**

11 A. I am the supervisor of the Energy section of the Regulatory Services Division of the
12 WUTC, which consists of 13 professionals and technical Staff members. The Energy
13 section is responsible for reviewing and providing recommendations for actions to
14 the Commission concerning all filings by regulated utility companies that provide
15 electric or natural gas service to retail customers in the state of Washington. As the
16 Assistant Director of the Energy section, I have participated actively in the
17 development and presentation of Staff recommendations to the Commission. I also
18 assist the Commission on larger energy policy issues, as necessary.

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

21 A. I earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in Economics, cum laude, from Doane College in
22 1971. I completed the requirements for an M.A. in Economics at Drake University in
23 Des Moines, Iowa in 1973. In addition, I did additional post graduate work at the

1 University of Nebraska toward the Ph.D. in Economics. Finally, I attended Northern
2 Illinois University College of Law receiving my J.D. in 1983. I have been a member
3 of the Illinois State Bar since 1984. In addition, I have been a member of the Federal
4 Energy Bar.

5 I began my energy career with the Lincoln Electric System in Lincoln,
6 Nebraska where I was in charge of all regulatory activities for that entity from 1976
7 until 1978. In mid 1978, I joined Northern Illinois Gas Company (now NICOR Gas)
8 as a member of its department of Rates and Economics. I occupied the positions of
9 Rate Analyst, Senior Rate Analyst, Coordinator Rate Regulation and Coordinator
10 Rate Research and Regulation. Finally, I was named Area Manager for the Western
11 Division of the Company. NICOR Gas serves about 2.1 million customers in the
12 northern one third of Illinois outside of the city of Chicago.

13 I became a part of the Office of the General Counsel ("OGC") at Peoples
14 Energy Company ("Peoples") in Chicago in 1987. While in the OGC I handled
15 contract matters, rule makings, rate issues and Least Cost Planning. Later, I was
16 placed in charge of Peoples Rate Research and Policy department where I was the
17 lead negotiator and chief rate case witness on revenue allocation and rate design
18 through three rate cases. Peoples serves approximately 1 million customers in the
19 city of Chicago. During this period I also served as Peoples' representative on the
20 American Gas Association Rate Committee and its subcommittee on cost allocation
21 and rate design.

22 In 1998 I moved to California to join the California Power Exchange ("PX")
23 as its Manager of Regulatory Affairs. In that position I was in charge of the PX's

1 tariff filings. These filings covered both its core PX auction tariff, and the Block
2 Forwards Market Tariff. Both of these tariffs were regulated by the Federal Energy
3 Regulatory Commission ("FERC").

4 When the PX ceased operations in January of 2001, I joined the California
5 Independent System Operator ("CAISO") as one of its Regulatory Counsel. In this
6 position, I was responsible for FERC filings of amendments to the CAISO's Open
7 Access Transmission Tariff ("OATT") and for special litigation revolving around its
8 tariff, as well as litigation involving misbehavior in the CAISO Market by various
9 market participants.

10 On June 1, 2006, I assumed my present position as Assistant Director for
11 Energy at the WUTC.

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13 **Q. Will you please explain the purpose of your testimony in this proceeding?**

14 **A.** I am adopting the testimony of Staff witness Roland C. Martin in support of the
15 Settlement Agreement presented today for Commission adoption and approval.