

**EXH. WFD-2  
DOCKET UG-230393  
WITNESS: WILLIAM F. DONAHUE**

**BEFORE THE  
WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION**

**WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND  
TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION,**

**Complainant,**

**v.**

**PUGET SOUND ENERGY,**

**Respondent.**

**Docket UG-230393**

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

**WILLIAM F. DONAHUE**

**ON BEHALF OF PUGET SOUND ENERGY**

**MAY 25, 2023**

1 **PUGET SOUND ENERGY**

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3 **PREFILED DIRECT TESTIMONY (NONCONFIDENTIAL) OF**  
4 **WILLIAM F. DONAHUE**

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

6 A. My name William F. Donahue. I am a principal at WFDonahue Consulting, LLC,  
7 and my business address is 5005 NE 187<sup>th</sup> Street, Lake Forest Park, WA 98155.

8 **Q. Please describe your academic background.**

9 A. I hold a Bachelor of Science in Accounting degree from Marquette University  
10 (Milwaukee, Wisconsin) and am a Certified Public Accountant.

11 **Q. Please outline your professional experience.**

12 A. I was employed by Arthur Andersen & Co. (Milwaukee, Wisconsin) from 1976-  
13 1981 where I conducted financial statement audits and special consulting projects  
14 primarily for regulated utilities.

15 From 1981 through 1991 I was employed in roles of increasing responsibility in  
16 the Rates, Regulatory Affairs and Capacity Planning organizations at Northwest  
17 Pipeline Corporation (Salt Lake City, Utah). I was a member of the open-access  
18 industry transition team that led the company's conversion from merchant to  
19 transporter. In addition, I testified before the Federal Energy Regulatory  
20 Commission as an expert witness on rate design matters, storage utilization and

1 pipeline capacity and displacement, including preparation and sponsorship of the  
2 pipeline's mileage study.

3 From 1991 through early 1997 I managed gas supply planning, gas cost  
4 accounting and U.S. federal regulatory matters for Washington Natural Gas  
5 Company ('WNG').

6 In early 1997, WNG and Puget Sound Power and Light Company merged and  
7 formed Puget Sound Energy ('PSE'). My responsibilities have included  
8 developing and administering PSE's Purchased Gas Adjustment (PGA) gas cost  
9 recovery mechanism and PGA Incentive Mechanism, gas rate design, and other  
10 Washington State regulatory issues.

11 In 2003, I was named Manager, Natural Gas Resources where my responsibilities  
12 included: managing PSE's gas-related U.S. federal and Canadian regulatory  
13 matters; pipeline capacity, gas storage and peaking resource acquisition; pipeline  
14 relations and resource planning support for both the core gas and generation  
15 portfolios. I also managed tariff and contract matters for the Jackson Prairie  
16 Storage Project. From 2008, I was responsible for all of PSE's Renewable Natural  
17 Gas acquisition and sales.

18 I proposed the original design concept of the shared-use LNG facility known as  
19 the Tacoma LNG Project and supported its development, permitting, and internal  
20 accounting.

1 On behalf of WNG and PSE I was an active participant in or co-author of several  
2 regulatory settlements of major policy and rate issues for pipelines in the Pacific  
3 Northwest associated with the gas industry transition and have led shipper groups  
4 to settlement of several pipeline general rate cases.

5 I retired from PSE after 30 years of service in April 2022. I have been a  
6 consultant to PSE since retirement.

7 **Q. Have you previously appeared as a witness before regulatory bodies?**

8 A. Yes, I have served as a witness on behalf of single companies and collaborative  
9 industry organizations of which PSE is a member (Export User Group and  
10 Western Export Group) before the following regulatory bodies:

11 Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission

12 Complaint against WNG regarding curtailment practices  
13 PSE General Rate Cases

14 Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

15 Northwest Pipeline Rate Design proceeding (on behalf of Northwest Pipeline)

16 Alberta Energy and Utilities Board

17 1999 Nova Gas Transmission Ltd. (NGTL) Phase II (rate design) proceeding  
18 2005 NGTL Phase II (rate design) proceeding  
19 2016 Inquiry into NGTL Liquids Extraction Matters proceeding

20 National Energy Board of Canada (now the Canadian Energy Regulator)

21 NGTL Komie North facilities expansion proceeding  
22 NGTL North Montney facilities expansion proceeding  
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