

**EXH. CTM-2
DOCKETS UE-240004/UG-240005
2024 PSE GENERAL RATE CASE
WITNESS: CHRISTOPHER T. MICKELSON**

**BEFORE THE
WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION**

**WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND
TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION,**

Complainant,

v.

PUGET SOUND ENERGY,

Respondent.

**Docket UE-240004
Docket UG-240005**

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

CHRISTOPHER T. MICKELSON

ON BEHALF OF PUGET SOUND ENERGY

FEBRUARY 15, 2024

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4 **CHRISTOPHER T. MICKELSON**

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

6 A. My name is Christopher T. Mickelson, and my business address is 355 110th
7 Avenue NE, Bellevue, Washington 98004.

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

9 A. I am employed by Puget Sound Energy (“PSE” or the “Company”) as the
10 Manager of Cost of Service & Pricing.

11 **Q. What are your responsibilities as the Manager of Cost of Service & Pricing**
12 **for PSE?**

13 A. I oversee electric and gas cost of service studies, rate spread, rate design, and load
14 research at PSE.

15 **Q. Can you provide a summary of your education and relevant employment**
16 **background?**

17 A. I hold a Bachelor of Arts in Business Administration with an emphasis in Finance
18 and Marketing from the University of Washington – Michael G. Foster School of
19 Business, along with a Master of Business Administration Degree from Texas
20 State University’s McCoy College of Business. With over 15 years of experience
21 in the energy and utility industries, I have worked in both public and private
22 sectors.

1 **Q. What is your professional background and experience?**

2 A. From 2007 to 2014, I served as a senior regulatory analyst at the Washington
3 Utilities and Transportation Commission (the “Commission”). During this time, I
4 provided expert witness advice on over 610 commission filings related to utilities
5 and transportation industries. From 2014 to 2020, I worked at Austin Energy as a
6 supervising energy analyst within the rates and forecasting group. In that role, I
7 analyzed and developed retail electric rates for one of the nation’s largest
8 municipal utilities. From 2020 to 2023, I held the manager of regulatory affairs
9 position at Cascade Natural Gas, where I managed regulatory affairs in
10 Washington, Oregon, and Idaho, ensuring compliance with regulations and
11 overseeing functions like performance-based regulation, revenue requirement,
12 cost of service, pricing, and tariff development. Since 2018, I have also been a
13 faculty member at Michigan State University in Lansing, Michigan, teaching
14 advanced regulatory theory and utility courses on cost allocation and pricing
15 methodologies. The students in these courses are public utility regulators, policy
16 makers, board members, attorneys, or other students of energy regulatory policies.
17 Throughout my career, I have actively participated or testified in rate proceedings
18 before various commissions, including this Commission, Public Utility
19 Commission of Oregon, Idaho Public Utilities Commission, and the Public Utility
20 Commission of Texas, focusing on areas such as revenue requirement, cost-of-
21 service, pricing, energy burden programs, and related analyses.