

**BEFORE THE WASHINGTON
UTILITIES & TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION**

WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION,

Complainant,

v.

CASCADE NATURAL GAS COMPANY.

Respondent.

DOCKET UG-240008

**JAMES A. LEYKO
ON BEHALF OF THE
WASHINGTON STATE OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL
PUBLIC COUNSEL UNIT**

EXHIBIT JAL-2

Qualifications of James A. Leyko

September 25, 2024

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

2 A James A. Leyko. My business address is 16690 Swingley Ridge Road, Suite 140,
3 Chesterfield, MO 63017.

4 **Q PLEASE STATE YOUR OCCUPATION.**

5 A I am a Consultant in the field of public utility regulation with the firm of Brubaker &
6 Associates, Inc. (“BAI”), energy, economic and regulatory consultants.

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

9 A I received a Bachelor of Arts Degree in History from Tulane University in 2007. I
10 attended Saint Louis University and received a Master of Business Administration
11 Degree in 2011. I joined BAI and served in the analyst department until 2012. Prior
12 to rejoining BAI as a Consultant in 2018, I worked as a Regulatory Economist for the
13 Maryland Public Service Commission and as the Regulatory Affairs Manager for the
14 Efficiency Maine Trust.

15 I have written testimony and appeared as an expert witness before the Illinois
16 Commerce Commission, the Maine Public Utilities Commission, the Maryland Public
17 Service Commission, and the Oklahoma Corporation Commission, and have
18 supported filings for several regulated utility matters as a Consultant for BAI. These
19 assignments included revenue requirement issues such as incentive compensation and

1 vegetation management, income taxes, the impact of the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act of
2 2017, and resource planning.

3 BAI was formed in April 1995. BAI and its predecessor firm have participated
4 in more than 700 regulatory proceedings in 40 states and Canada.

5 BAI provides consulting services in the economic, technical, accounting, and
6 financial aspects of public utility rates and in the acquisition of utility and energy
7 services through RFPs and negotiations, in both regulated and unregulated markets.
8 Our clients include large industrial and institutional customers, state regulatory
9 agencies, and some utilities. We also prepare special studies and reports, forecasts,
10 surveys and siting studies, and present seminars on utility-related issues.

11 In general, we are engaged in energy and regulatory consulting, economic
12 analysis and contract negotiation. In addition to our main office in St. Louis, the firm
13 also has branch offices in Corpus Christi, Texas; Louisville, Kentucky and Phoenix,
14 Arizona.