EXH. MNL-2 DOCKETS UE-22\_\_/UG-22\_\_ 2022 PSE GENERAL RATE CASE WITNESS: MARK NEWTON LOWRY

## BEFORE THE WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION, Complainant,

v.

Docket UE-22\_\_\_\_ Docket UG-22\_\_\_\_

PUGET SOUND ENERGY,

Respondent.

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

MARK NEWTON LOWRY

ON BEHALF OF PUGET SOUND ENERGY

**JANUARY 31, 2022** 

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- Q. Please state your name and business address.
- My name is Mark Newton Lowry. My business address is Pacific Economics A. Group Research LLC, 44 E. Mifflin Street, Suite 601, Madison, WI 53703.
- Q. By whom are you employed and in what capacity?
- A. I am the President of Pacific Economics Group Research LLC("PEG").
- Q. What are your duties as President of PEG?
- A. My principal duties as President of PEG are the supervision of research, client consultation, and the provision of expert witness testimony. I also oversee the company's business affairs.
- Q. Briefly describe your education and relevant employment experience.
- I attended Princeton University and hold a Ph.D. in applied economics from the A. University of Wisconsin-Madison. I am the President of PEG and have almost thirty years of experience as an industry economist. Multiyear rate plans, revenue decoupling, and other forms of performance-based regulation ("PBR") have been my chief professional focus since 1989. I have testified dozens of times on PBR issues. I have advised the Edison Electric Institute ("EEI") on diverse alternative rate making approaches that are collectively called alternative regulation

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("Altreg") for years. I have authored several white papers and teach the Altreg segment and regulatory strategy workshop at EEI's Electric Rates Advanced Course. Past work for PSE and Avista has familiarized me with regulation in Washington state.

I was previously a Vice President at Christensen Associates here in Madison.

Before entering consulting, I was for several years an Assistant Professor of

Mineral Economics at the Pennsylvania State University and was a visiting

professor at l'Ecole des Hautes Etudes Commerciales in Montréal. My resume
includes an extensive list of publications and public appearances.