

Exhibit No. ____ (MPG-2)
Docket Nos. UE-060266/UG-060267
Witness: Michael P. Gorman

**WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND
TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION,**

Complainant,

v.

PUGET SOUND ENERGY, INC.,

Respondent.

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MICHAEL P. GORMAN QUALIFICATIONS

July 19, 2006

Qualifications of Michael Gorman

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Q. PLEASE STATE YOUR NAME AND BUSINESS ADDRESS.

A. Michael P. Gorman. My business mailing address is P. O. Box 412000, 1215 Fern Ridge Parkway, Suite 208, St. Louis, Missouri 63141-2000.

Q. PLEASE STATE YOUR OCCUPATION.

A. I am a consultant in the field of public utility regulation with Brubaker & Associates, Inc., energy, economic and regulatory consultants.

Q. PLEASE SUMMARIZE YOUR EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND AND WORK EXPERIENCE.

A. In 1983 I received a Bachelors of Science Degree in Electrical Engineering from Southern Illinois University, and in 1986, I received a Masters Degree in Business Administration with a concentration in Finance from the University of Illinois at Springfield. I have also completed several graduate level economics courses.

In August of 1983, I accepted an analyst position with the Illinois Commerce Commission ("ICC"). In this position, I performed a variety of analyses for both formal and informal investigations before the ICC, including: marginal cost of energy, central dispatch, avoided cost of energy, annual system production costs, and working capital. In October of 1986, I was promoted to the position of Senior Analyst. In this position, I assumed the additional responsibilities of technical leader on projects, and my areas of responsibility were expanded to include utility financial modeling and financial analyses.

In 1987, I was promoted to Director of the Financial Analysis Department. In this position, I was responsible for all financial analyses conducted by the staff. Among other things, I conducted analyses and sponsored testimony before the ICC on rate of return,

1 financial integrity, financial modeling and related issues. I also supervised the
2 development of all Staff analyses and testimony on these same issues. In addition, I
3 supervised the Staff's review and recommendations to the Commission concerning utility
4 plans to issue debt and equity securities.

5 In August of 1989, I accepted a position with Merrill-Lynch as a financial
6 consultant. After receiving all required securities licenses, I worked with individual
7 investors and small businesses in evaluating and selecting investments suitable to their
8 requirements.

9 In September of 1990, I accepted a position with Drazen-Brubaker & Associates,
10 Inc. In April 1995 the firm of Brubaker & Associates, Inc. ("BAI") was formed. It
11 includes most of the former DBA principals and Staff. Since 1990, I have performed
12 various analyses and sponsored testimony on cost of capital, cost/benefits of utility
13 mergers and acquisitions, utility reorganizations, level of operating expenses and rate
14 base, cost of service studies, and analyses relating industrial jobs and economic
15 development. I also participated in a study used to revise the financial policy for the
16 municipal utility in Kansas City, Kansas.

17 At BAI, I also have extensive experience working with large energy users to
18 distribute and critically evaluate responses to requests for proposals ("RFPs") for electric,
19 steam, and gas energy supply from competitive energy suppliers. These analyses include
20 the evaluation of gas supply and delivery charges, cogeneration and/or combined cycle
21 unit feasibility studies, and the evaluation of third-party asset/supply management
22 agreements. I have also analyzed commodity pricing indices and forward pricing

1 methods for third party supply agreements. Continuing, I have also conducted regional
2 electric market price forecasts.

3 In addition to our main office in St. Louis, the firm also has branch offices in
4 Phoenix, Arizona; Chicago, Illinois; Corpus Christi, Texas; and Plano, Texas.

5 **Q. HAVE YOU EVER TESTIFIED BEFORE A REGULATORY BODY?**

6 **A.** Yes. I have sponsored testimony on cost of capital, revenue requirements, cost of service
7 and other issues before the regulatory commissions in Arizona, California, Delaware,
8 Georgia, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Michigan, Missouri, New Mexico, New Jersey,
9 Oklahoma, Oregon, Tennessee, Texas, Utah, Vermont, Washington, West Virginia,
10 Wisconsin, Wyoming, and before the provincial regulatory boards in Alberta and Nova
11 Scotia, Canada. I have also sponsored testimony before the Board of Public Utilities in
12 Kansas City, Kansas; presented rate setting position reports to the regulatory board of the
13 municipal utility in Austin, Texas, and Salt River Project, Arizona, on behalf of industrial
14 customers; and negotiated rate disputes for industrial customers of the Municipal Electric
15 Authority of Georgia in the LaGrange, Georgia district.

16 **Q. PLEASE DESCRIBE ANY PROFESSIONAL REGISTRATIONS OR ORGANI-**
17 **ZATIONS TO WHICH YOU BELONG.**

18 **A.** I earned the designation of Chartered Financial Analyst ("CFA") from the Association for
19 Investment Management and Research ("AIMR"). The CFA charter was awarded after
20 successfully completing three examinations which covered the subject areas of financial
21 accounting, economics, fixed income and equity valuation and professional and ethical
22 conduct. I am a member of AIMR's Financial Analyst Society.

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