

**EXH. MLV-2  
DOCKETS UE-240004/UG-240005  
2024 PSE GENERAL RATE CASE  
WITNESS: MICHELLE L. VARGO**

**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**

**MICHELLE L. VARGO**

**ON BEHALF OF PUGET SOUND ENERGY**

**FEBRUARY 15, 2024**

1 **PUGET SOUND ENERGY**

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3 **PREFILED DIRECT TESTIMONY OF**  
4 **MICHELLE L. VARGO**

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

6 A. My name is Michelle Vargo. My business address is P.O. Box 97034, Bellevue,  
7 Washington 98009-9734.

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

9 A. I am employed by Puget Sound Energy (“PSE”) as Senior Vice President, Energy  
10 Operations.

11 **Q. What are your duties as Senior Vice President, Energy Operations, of PSE?**

12 A. As Senior Vice President, Energy Operations, I am responsible for PSE’s electric  
13 and gas operations, final engineering and construction of customer and system  
14 work, system maintenance, supply chain, fleet, and facilities.

15 **Q. Briefly describe your education and relevant employment experience.**

16 A. I graduated from the University of Chicago Booth School of Business in 2012  
17 with an MBA, Finance, Economics, Marketing. In 2003, I graduated from the  
18 United States Military Academy with a B.S. in General Engineering: Civil  
19 Engineering. I am a licensed professional engineer in Washington and Hawaii.

1 I started my career as an Active Duty Army Engineering Officer leading critical  
2 construction projects overseas. I then worked for the Linde Group as a Regional  
3 Account Manager for the greater Chicagoland area managing a \$24.1 million  
4 portfolio of 141 accounts and developed and executed a strategy for industrial gas  
5 products and advanced engineered solutions. With the Linde Group, I became the  
6 Liquid Natural Gas (“LNG”) Technology and Market Development Manager  
7 developing LNG applications in high horsepower engines for the eastern half of  
8 the United States. Most recently, I worked for ten years at Seattle City Light in  
9 various operations and engineering leadership roles culminating as the Chief  
10 Operating Officer overseeing electrical service transmission and distribution. I  
11 also served as the Deputy Chief Operating Officer, Director of Transmission and  
12 Distribution Network, Stations, Technical & Support, Power Production Director,  
13 and Generation Mechanical & Civil Engineering Manager.

14 I have worked for PSE since July 2023, starting as Vice President of Shared  
15 Services. I became the Senior Vice President, Energy Operations, in January  
16 2024.