

**EXH. ZCY-2
DOCKETS UE-240004/UG-240005
2024 PSE GENERAL RATE CASE
WITNESS: ZACARIAS C. YANEZ**

**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**

ZACARIAS C. YANEZ

ON BEHALF OF PUGET SOUND ENERGY

FEBRUARY 15, 2024

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4 **ZACARIAS C. YANEZ**

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

6 A. My name is Zacarias C. Yanez, and my business address is 355 110th Avenue
7 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”) as a Consulting Energy Trader in
10 the Energy Supply team.

11 **Q. What are your duties as Consulting Energy Trader for PSE?**

12 A. As a Consulting Energy Trader, my responsibilities include the following:

- 13 1. leading the evaluation and negotiation of mid-term (i.e., three- to five-
14 year) power contracts and acquisitions, and
- 15 2. assisting the acquisition of electric resources and long-term (i.e., greater
16 than five years) power contracts originated within PSE’s energy supply
17 group.

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

2 A. I graduated from the University of Texas with a Bachelor of Business in Finance.

3 I graduated from the Washington State University with a Master of Business
4 Administration in Finance.

5 Prior to assuming my current role, I served PSE as Commercial Acquisitions
6 Manager and a Senior Resource Planning and Acquisitions Analyst for PSE from
7 September 2019 to February 2023. In those roles I evaluated resource additions to
8 PSE's energy supply portfolio in response to PSE's 2021 and 2018 Requests for
9 Proposals ("RFP"). Additionally, I served in a lead negotiation role for several
10 contracts executed as a result of the 2018 RFP.

11 Prior to rejoining PSE in 2019, I served as a Program Manager for EES
12 Consulting. In that role, I developed feasibility studies for Community Choice
13 Aggregators in California. I also supported testimony for EES customers in BPA
14 rate case proceedings.

15 From 2013 to 2018, I served as a Power Analyst, FP&A for Snohomish County
16 Public Utility District ("PUD"). In that role, I performed quantitative and
17 qualitative analyses related to the development of the Integrated Resource Plan
18 ("IRP"), provided analytical support for the PUD in BPA rate case proceedings,
19 served as commercial contact for the administration of power purchase
20 agreements, and conducted financial analysis to evaluate current and new
21 business opportunities.

1 From 2000 to 2013, I held several positions at PSE, including seven years as a
2 Resource Planning and Acquisitions Analyst. In that role, I performed portfolio
3 optimization analysis for PSE's IRP and RFP processes. I also performed analysis
4 to support avoided cost calculations for conservation and supply side resources
5 and participated with stakeholder engagement while developing the IRP.