

1 QUALIFICATION

2 STATEMENT OF

3 KEVIN P. O'MEARA

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

6 A. My name is Kevin P. O'Meara. I am employed by the Public Power Council
7 (PPC), 825 N.E. Multnomah, Suite 1225, Portland, Oregon 97232.

8 *Q. In what capacity are you employed?*

9 A. I joined the staff of PPC in 1995, where I am employed as a Deputy Director.

10 *Q. Please state your educational background.*

11 A. I received a B.A. in American Studies/Economics from Reed College in 1976. I
12 received an M.A. in Economics from the University of Chicago in 1979, where I
13 also completed all the course work required for a Ph.D in Economics.

14 *Q. Please summarize your professional experience.*

15 A. Since joining PPC in 1995, I have worked on Bonneville Power Administration
16 (BPA) issues ranging from the Residential Exchange, variable rates for aluminum
17 companies, risk hedging, BPA competitiveness, transmission rate design,
18 transmission terms and conditions, pricing of ancillary services, and direct
19 assignment. I worked on pricing, benefits, and other issues during the IndeGO and
20 RTO independent transmission system operator processes; testified at a regional
21 Federal Energy Regulatory Commission ("FERC") conference on the appropriate
22 scope of independent transmission system operators, and prepared comments to
23 FERC on the pricing policies of the California Power Exchange. I helped

1 negotiate the agreement by which Bonneville will sell or lease substations to
2 consumer-owned utilities. I recently have been working 1 on issues relating to the
3 implementation of the various BPA CRACs. Prior to 1995, I worked on various
4 econometric issues for an investor owned utility; for the Illinois Attorney General
5 on utility rate of return, reserve margin, and construction work in progress issues;
6 for PPC, on the value of industrial interruptibility, cost allocation, special
7 industrial rates, conservation spending, value-based rate design, and the
8 economics of take-or-pay contracts, discount rate offers, and extra regional sales.
9 I worked extensively on regional computer models, including modeling of
10 electrical transactions between the Pacific Northwest and Pacific Southwest, of
11 future regional electrical rates, of derived demand for electrical power by
12 aluminum smelters, and of regional resource acquisition decisions. As an
13 independent consultant, I worked in a variety of areas in the regulated gas and
14 electric utility industry; designed and executed statistical evaluations for load
15 research and demand-side planning and evaluation projects. I have also helped
16 develop a textbook in price theory, and have developed computer models to
17 simulate oil production activities in the North Sea.

18 *Q. Please state your experience as a witness in previous proceedings.*

19 *A. I have provided testimony in several dozen regulatory proceedings.*

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