

1 QUALIFICATIONS STATEMENT OF

2 RAYMOND D. BLIVEN

3 Witnesses for Bonneville Power Administration

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

5 A. My name is Raymond D. Bliven. I am employed by the Bonneville Power
6 Administration (BPA), 905 NE 11th Avenue, Portland, Oregon.

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

8 A. I am BPA's Power Rates Manager. I am responsible for managing all aspects of BPA's
9 power rates and I am responsible for overseeing all facets of this rate case.

10 *Q. Please state your educational background.*

11 A. I received a Bachelor of Arts degree in Economics from Washington State University in
12 1975. In addition, I have taken course work at Portland State University, receiving a
13 Certificate of Middle East Studies in 1978. I also have completed graduate courses in
14 econometrics at Portland State University.

15 *Q. Please summarize your professional experience.*

16 A. From September 1980 through June 1994, I was employed by BPA on the rates staff. I
17 was initially an economist in the Transmission Rates Section. In that position, I
18 prepared economic studies and analyses in support of BPA's transmission rate filings
19 and designed and wrote the computer programs supporting BPA's 1982 and 1983
20 Transmission Rate Design Studies. I also worked on the Coincidence Study and the
21 computer programs necessary to prepare the Coincidence Study in BPA's 1982, 1983,
22 1985, 1987, 1991, and 1993 Wholesale Power Rate filings.

23 In November 1983, I moved to the Wholesale Rates Section, and later the Cost
24 Analysis Section, as a Public Utilities Specialist. In 1984, I extended the development
25 of the Rate Analysis Model (RAM), particularly in the modeling of new rate
26 methodologies for BPA's 1985 Wholesale Power Rate filing as outlined in section 7 of

1 the Northwest Power Act. In 1987, I was responsible for overall coordination of the
2 RAM in BPA's 1987 Wholesale Power Rate filing and completed a major revision of the
3 Nonfirm Revenue Analysis Program (NFRAP) to incorporate flexible nonfirm pricing.

4 In 1988, I became an industry economist in the Revenue Forecasting Section.
5 My duties included forecasting fossil fuel prices, maintaining the NFRAP and
6 coordination of BPA's revenue forecasts and risk analyses. During this time, my duties
7 also included the modeling of the market in California for BPA's surplus power.
8 Between September 1990 and May 1991 and again from January 1992 through June
9 1994, I was chief of the Rate Analysis Section, supervising the RAM, BPA's Revenue
10 Forecast, and the Risk Analysis. In addition, I was chief of the Power Rates Branch on
11 an acting basis during the last two months of the 1993 rate case, overseeing the
12 preparation of the Draft and Final Records of Decision, as well as all of BPA's final rate
13 proposal studies.

14 From June 1994 through January 2006, I was a consultant with Regulatory &
15 Cogeneration Services, Inc. of Vancouver Washington. The majority of my work during
16 that time was to consult with and represent industrial power users on issues relating to
17 wholesale power rates and products as well as terms, conditions, and rates for
18 transmission and ancillary services. I have also provided the industries assistance
19 relating to open access transmission services and pricing. I have participated in many
20 aspects of the development of Independent System Operators in California and the
21 Pacific Northwest.

22 Also during that time, I worked extensively in the field of market price and
23 resource development forecasting. I provided assistance to clients regarding market
24 conditions for resource development, long-range market price forecasts for use in
25 investment planning, and in generating plant valuation studies for use in acquisition
26 decision-making.

1 In January, 2006, I assumed my current position as BPA's Power Rates
2 Manager. In this position I oversee BPA's rates staff and the preparation and conduct of
3 all aspects of BPA's rates, rate cases, and rate implementation. My current duties are
4 focused on the development of tiering BPA's rates, a rate structure expected to be in
5 place for almost twenty years beginning in FY 2012. In addition, I am responsible for
6 many aspects of reforming BPA's 2007 wholesale power rates and the Residential
7 Exchange Program.

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

9 A. In BPA's 1985 Wholesale Power Rate filing I filed written testimony and sponsored the
10 Rate Analysis Model. In BPA's 1987 Wholesale Power Rate filing I filed written
11 testimony and sponsored the NFRAP. Although I did not file written testimony, I was
12 responsible for BPA's 1989 Revenue Forecast Study, used in BPA's 1989 Wholesale
13 Power Rate filing to extend BPA's 1987 wholesale power rates. I was BPA's witness
14 sponsoring the revenue forecasts used in BPA's 1991 Variable Industrial Power Rate
15 filing. I filed written testimony as a part of three panels in BPA's 1991 rate filing: Cost
16 of Service Analysis/Rate Design Adjustments, Revenue Forecast, and Risk Analysis. In
17 BPA's 1993 rate case, I filed written testimony as a member of eleven panels, including:
18 Risk Analysis and Protection, Revenue Forecast, COSA, and Rate Design Issues.

19 In BPA's 1995 rate case, I filed written testimony on behalf of the Direct Service
20 Industries regarding power and transmission rate design, unbundled products and
21 ancillary services, and open access transmission tariffs. In BPA's 1996 and 2002 rate
22 cases, I testified on behalf of the Direct Service Industries in all aspects of those cases,
23 concentrating on revenue requirements, rates and rate design, market and gas price
24 forecasting, average system costs and the implementation of BPA's statutory rate
25 directives including the 7(b)(2) rate test.

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I have filed testimony in the WP-07 supplemental rate proceeding as a policy witness, and on BPA's rate design, rate modeling, average system costs, the Lookback analysis, and the section 7(b)(2) rate test.

I have also filed written testimony before the Public Utilities Commission of Maryland. I have assisted with filings by other witnesses on cases in Washington, Oregon, and California and before the Federal Regulatory Energy Commission.