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Public Utility Commission of Oregon Attention: Filing Center 201 High Street SE, Suite 100 Salem, Oregon 97301-3398

Re: UM 2214 — NW Natural's Updated Depreciation Study Joint Stipulation and Joint Testimony in Support of Stipulation

Northwest Natural Gas Company, dba NW Natural ("NW Natural" or the "Company"), hereby submits the Joint Stipulation and Joint Testimony in support of the Stipulation on behalf NW Natural, Staff of the Public Utility Commission of Oregon ("Staff"), and Alliance of Western Energy Consumers ("AWEC").

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Enclosures

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION OF OREGON

UM 2214

In the Matter of

NORTHWEST NATURAL GAS COMPANY, dba, NW NATURAL

Updated Depreciation Study Pursuant to OAR 860-027-0350

STIPULATION

This Stipulation resolves all issues among all parties to this docket related to Northwest Natural Gas Company's ("NW Natural" or "Company") Updated Depreciation Study Pursuant to OAR 860-027-0350 ("Depreciation Study") filed with the Commission in Docket UM 2214 on December 17, 2021.

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6 PARTIES

1. The parties to this Stipulation are Staff of the Public Utility Commission of Oregon ("Staff"), Alliance of Western Energy Consumers ("AWEC"), and NW Natural (together, the "Stipulating Parties"). The Oregon Citizens' Utility Board ("CUB") also is a party to this docket and has authorized the Stipulating Parties to represent that CUB takes no position on this Stipulation.

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13 BACKGROUND

2. On December 17, 2021, NW Natural filed with the Oregon Public Utility Commission ("Commission") the updated Depreciation Study of its gas plant in service as of December 31, 2020, pursuant to OAR 860-027-0350, which requires each energy

utility to file with the Commission an updated depreciation study at least once every five years. ORS 757.140 requires each public utility to carry a proper and adequate depreciation account, and to conform its depreciation accounts to the rates so ascertained and determined by the Commission. The Commission may make changes in such rates of depreciation from time to time as the Commission may find necessary. The purpose of the Depreciation Study is to determine the annual depreciation accrual rates and amounts for accounting and ratemaking purposes. The Depreciation Study included descriptions of the methods used in the estimation of depreciation, the summary of annual depreciation accrual rates, the statistical support for the life and net salvage estimates, and the detailed tabulations of annual depreciation ("depreciation rates").

- 3. The Depreciation Study set forth an annual system depreciation expense of \$116.2 million when applied to depreciable plant balances as of December 31, 2020, which reflected an approximate \$8.6 million increase to NW Natural's annual depreciation expense.
- 4. On May 26, 2022, NW Natural, Staff, and AWEC participated in a settlement conference. The discussions resulted in a settlement among the Stipulating Parties. The Stipulating Parties agree that the depreciation rates agreed to in this Stipulation will result in an annual depreciation expense of approximately \$106.85 million, resulting in an approximate \$9.36 million decrease from the annual depreciation expense proposed in the Depreciation Study. Attached Stipulation Exhibit "A" Table 1 includes a complete list of all NW Natural depreciation parameters for all utility plant by FERC account.

TERMS OF STIPULATION

- 5. This Stipulation resolves all issues regarding the changes to the Company'sdepreciation rates proposed in the Depreciation Study.
- 4 6. The Stipulating Parties agree that the changes shown in Stipulation Exhibit 5 "A" should be made to the depreciation rates in the Depreciation Study.
- 7. The Stipulating Parties agree that the depreciation rates set forth in Stipulation Exhibit "A" are reasonable and should be adopted.
 - 8. NW Natural agrees to use the depreciation rates in Stipulation Exhibit "A", if approved by the Commission, as the basis for its depreciation rates in the Company's pending general rate case proceeding (UG 435), in accordance with the Multi-Party Stipulation Regarding Revenue Requirement, Rate Spread and Certain Other Issues filed in that docket on May 31, 2022 ("Multi-Party Stipulation"), upon Commission approval of the Multi-Party Stipulation. NW Natural will simultaneously update its depreciation rates on its books when new retail rates are effective following the UG 435 general rate case. For the avoidance of any doubt, it is the Stipulating Parties' intention to comply with all normalization requirements and, if this Stipulation were to be determined to be out of compliance with such requirements, the Stipulating Parties would address such determination at the next available opportunity.
 - 9. The Stipulating Parties agree to submit this Stipulation to the Commission and request that the Commission approve the Stipulation as presented.
 - 10. The Stipulating Parties agree that this Stipulation is in the public interest, and will result in rates that are fair, just and reasonable, consistent with the standard in ORS 756.040.

- 11. This Stipulation will be offered into the record as evidence pursuant to OAR 860-001-0350(7). The Stipulating Parties agree to support this Stipulation throughout these consolidated proceedings and any appeal, provide witnesses to sponsor this Stipulation at hearing, and recommend that the Commission issue an order adopting this Stipulation. The Stipulating Parties also agree to cooperate in drafting and submitting joint testimony or a brief in support of this Stipulation in accordance with OAR 860-001-0350(7).
- 12. If this Stipulation is challenged, the Stipulating Parties agree that they will continue to support the Commission's adoption of the terms of this Stipulation. The Stipulating Parties agree to cooperate in cross-examination and put on such a case as they deem appropriate to respond fully to the issues presented, which may include raising issues that are incorporated in the settlements embodied in this Stipulation.
- 13. The revised depreciation rates should be implemented on the effective date of NWN's pending general rate request in Docket UG No. 435, currently expected to be November 1, 2022.
- 14. The Stipulating Parties have negotiated this Stipulation as an integrated document. If the Commission rejects all or any material portion of this Stipulation or imposes additional material conditions in approving this Stipulation, any of the Stipulating Parties are entitled to withdraw from this Stipulation or exercise any other rights provided in OAR 860-001-0350(9).
- 15. No later than December 31, 2027, NWN shall file with the Commission another detailed depreciation study of its utility property. The depreciation parameters

- detailed in Stipulation Exhibit "A" Table 1 will be utilized until the effective date of the next depreciation study.
 - 16. By entering into this Stipulation, no Stipulating Party approves, admits, or consents to the facts, principles, methods, or theories employed by any other Stipulating Party in arriving at the terms of this Stipulation, other than those specifically identified in the body of this Stipulation. No Stipulating Party shall be deemed to have agreed that any provision of this Stipulation is appropriate for resolving issues in any other proceeding, except as specifically identified in this Stipulation.
 - Stipulating Party unless and until adopted by the Commission in a final order. Each Stipulating Party avers that it is signing this Stipulation in good faith and that it intends to abide by the terms of this Stipulation unless and until this Stipulation is rejected or adopted only in part by the Commission. The Stipulating Parties agree that the Commission has exclusive jurisdiction to enforce or modify this Stipulation. If the Commission rejects or modifies this Stipulation, the Stipulating Parties reserve the right to seek reconsideration or rehearing of the Commission order under ORS 756.561 and OAR 860-001-0720 or to appeal the Commission order under ORS 756.610.
 - 18. This Stipulation may be executed in counterparts and each signed counterpart shall constitute an original document.
- This Stipulation is entered into by each Stipulating Party on the date entered below such Stipulating Party's signature.

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Date: 07/25/2022	Date: 07/25/2022
NW NATURAL	
By: /s/Eric W. Nelsen	
Date: 07/25/2022	

TABLE 1. SUMMARY OF ESTIMATED SURVIVOR CURVE, NET SALVAGE PERCENT, ORIGINAL COST, BOOK DEPRECIATION RESERVE AND CALCULATED ANNUAL DEPRECIATION ACCRUALS RELATED TO GAS PLANT AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2020

UM2214	PROBABLE	NET	ORIGINAL COST	воок			ANNUAL	COMPOSITE			
DEPRECIABLE GROUP	RETIREME SURVIVOR YEAR CURVE		AS OF TDECEMBER 31, 2020	DEPRECIATION RESERVE	FUTURE ACCRUALS	ACCRUAL AMOUNT	ACCRUAL RATE	REMAINING LIFE			
(1)	# (3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)	(9)=(8)/(5)	(10)=(7)/(8)			
DEPRECIABLE GAS PLANT											
INTANGIBLE PLANT											
303.10 MISCELLANEOUS INTANGI	BLE PLA 15-SQ	0	130,778,162.03	42,277,641	88,500,521	9,317,628	7.12	9.5			
303.20 MISCELLANEOUS INTANGI	BLE PLA 15-SQ	0	32,409,597.11	32,398,247	11,350	1,513	-	7.5			
303.30 MISCELLANEOUS INTANGI		0	4,146,951.00	4,146,951	0	0	-	-			
303.40 MISCELLANEOUS INTANGI	BLE PLA 5-SQ	0	4,264,625.00	455,690	3,808,935	846,430	19.85	4.5			
TOTAL INTANGIBLE PLANT			171,599,335.14	79,278,529	92,320,806	10,165,571	5.92				
OIL GAS FACILITIES											
305.50 STRUCTURES AND IMPRO	VEMENT 40-S1	(5)	13,156.00	13,814	0	0	-	-			
311.70 LIQUEFIED PETROLEUM G	AS EQUI 20-L0.5	(5)	4,033.00	8,066	(3,831)	0	-	-			
311.80 LIQUEFIED PETROLEUM G	AS EQUI 20-L0.5	(5)	4,209.00	6,585	(2,166)	0	-	-			
TOTAL OIL GAS FACILITIES			21,398.00	28,465	(5,997)	0	-				
OTHER PRODUCTION FACILITIES											
305.11 STRUCTURES AND IMPRO	VEMENT 40-S1	(5)	8,320.00	8,736	0	0	-	-			
305.17 STRUCTURES AND IMPRO	VEMENT 40-S1	(5)	46,587.00	51,246	(2,330)	0	_	-			
318.30 LIGHT OIL REFINING	45-S2.5	(5)	144,896.00	152,141	0	0	-	=			
318.50 TAR PROCESSING	45-S2.5	(5)	243,551.00	255,729	0	0	-	-			
319.00 GAS MIXING EQUIPMENT	30-R0.5	(5)	185,448.00	194,720	0	0	-	-			
TOTAL OTHER PRODUCTION FACIL	ITIES		628,802.00	662,572	(2,330)	0	-				

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UM221		ROBABLE FIREME SURVIVO	NET R SALVAGE	ORIGINAL COST AS OF	BOOK DEPRECIATION	FUTURE	CALCULATED	ANNUAL ACCRUAL	COMPOSITE REMAINING
	DEPRECIABLE GROUP	YEAR CURVE		DECEMBER 31, 2020	RESERVE	ACCRUALS	AMOUNT	RATE	LIFE
-	(1)	# (3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)	(9)=(8)/(5)	(10)=(7)/(8)
UNDER									
350.20	LAND RIGHTS	70-R4	0	109,624.94	33,571	76,054	1,550	1.41	49.1
351.00	STRUCTURES AND IMPROVEMEN	NT 60-R3	0	8,634,151.05	3,183,307	5,450,844	129,257	1.50	42.2
352.00	WELLS	60-R2	0	48,342,203.61	17,821,376	30,520,828	642,069	1.33	47.5
352.10	STORAGE LEASEHOLDS AND RIG	65-R3	0	3,939,511.52	1,877,200	2,062,312	48,118	1.22	42.9
352.20	RESERVOIRS	60-R2	0	10,834,054.54	3,993,229	6,840,826	157,415	1.45	43.5
352.30	NONRECOVERABLE GAS	60-R4	0	6,440,889.82	3,760,889	2,680,001	83,608	1.30	32.1
353.00	LINES	55-S2.5	(15)	10,782,441.99	4,162,308	8,237,500	220,699	2.05	37.3
354.10	COMPRESSOR STATION EQUIPM	El 50-R3	(10)	4,154,699.66	3,033,816	1,536,354	68,760	1.65	22.3
354.20	COMPRESSOR STATION EQUIPM	El 50-R3	(10)	4,154,699.00	3,095,469	1,474,700	67,896	1.63	21.7
354.30	COMPRESSOR STATION EQUIPM	El 50-R3	(10)	14,640,514.36	7,466,735	8,637,831	280,918	1.92	30.7
354.40	COMPRESSOR STATION EQUIPM	El 50-R3	(10)	13,664,779.76	6,348,010	8,683,248	267,716	1.96	32.4
354.50	COMPRESSOR STATION EQUIPM	El 50-R3	(10)	3,554,433.18	997,616	2,912,260	73,378	2.06	39.7
354.60	COMPRESSOR STATION EQUIPM	El 50-R3	(10)	260,041.78	36,859	249,187	5,585	2.15	44.6
355.00	MEASURING AND REGULATING E	Q 45-S2	(10)	18,671,983.61	7,611,612	12,927,570	421,049	2.25	30.7
356.00	PURIFICATION EQUIPMENT	45-S2.5	(5)	28,182,836.19	329,223	29,262,755	663,643	2.35	44.1
357.00	OTHER EQUIPMENT	35-R4	O´	4,659,987.72	1,048,877	3,611,111	117,066	2.51	30.8
TOTAL	UNDERGROUND STORAGE PLANT			181,026,852.73	64,800,097	125,163,381	3,248,727	1.79	

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UM221		PROBABL	E SURVIVOR		NET SALVAGI	ORIGINAL COST AS OF	BOOK DEPRECIATION	FUTURE	CALCULATED	ANNUAL	COMPOSITE REMAINING
	DEPRECIABLE GROUP	YEAR	CURVE			E AS OF TDECEMBER 31, 2020	RESERVE	ACCRUALS	ACCRUAL	RATE	LIFE
·	(1)	#	(3)		(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)	(9)=(8)/(5)	(10)=(7)/(8)
LOCAL	STORAGE PLANT										
361.00	STRUCTURES AND IMPROVEM	MENTS									
	LINNTON	#	60-R2.5	*	(5)	10,716,040.15	3,568,422	7,683,420	504,072	4.70	15.2
	NEWPORT	#	60-R2.5	*	(5)	12,124,670.23	3,667,556	9,063,348	437,238	3.61	20.7
	OTHER		60-R2.5		(5)	26,757.00	12,839	15,256	414	1.55	36.9
	TOTAL STRUCTURES AND IMP	PROVEMEN	NTS			22,867,467.38	7,248,817	16,762,024	941,724	4.12	17.8
362.00	GAS HOLDERS										
	LINNTON	#	60-R3	*	(20)	4,556,064.35	2,687,761	2,779,516	188,391	4.13	14.8
	NEWPORT	#	60-R3	*	(20)	5,927,103.82	6,181,983	930,542	52,571	0.89	17.7
	OTHER		60-R3		(20)	1,600.14	1,266	654	15	0.94	43.6
	TOTAL GAS HOLDERS					10,484,768.31	8,871,010	3,710,712	240,977	2.30	15.4
363.10	LIQUEFACTION EQUIPMENT										
	LINNTON	#	55-R2	*	(5)	3,450,201.82	2,737,274	885,438	59,074	1.71	15.0
	NEWPORT	#	55-R2	*	(5)	15,748,403.83	7,452,351	9,083,473	447,428	2.84	20.3
	TOTAL LIQUEFACTION EQUIP	MENT				19,198,605.65	10,189,625	9,968,911	506,502	2.64	19.7
363.20	VAPORIZING EQUIPMENT										
	LINNTON	#	40-R4	*	(5)	4,458,618.00	2,493,915	2,187,634	149,696	3.36	14.6
	NEWPORT	#	40-R4	*	(5)	6,707,648.71	562,843	6,480,188	311,211	4.64	20.8
	TOTAL VAPORIZING EQUIPME	NT				11,166,266.71	3,056,758	8,667,822	460,907	4.13	18.8
363.30	COMPRESSOR EQUIPMENT										
	LINNTON	#	41-R1.5	*	(5)	180,903.23	154,597	35,351	2,634	1.46	13.4
	NEWPORT	#	41-R1.5	*	(5)	4,744,494.04	1,486,694	3,495,025	177,120	3.73	19.7
	TOTAL COMPRESSOR EQUIPM	MENT				4,925,397.27	1,641,291	3,530,376	179,754	3.65	19.6
363.40	MEASURING AND REGULATIN	G EQUIPM	IENT								
	LINNTON	#	50-R4	*	(5)	3,244,884.69	914,115	2,493,014	171,812	5.29	14.5
	NEWPORT	#	50-R4	*	(5)	10,663,386.23	278,977	10,917,579	512,867	4.81	21.3
	TOTAL MEASURING AND REG	ULATING I	EQUIPMENT			13,908,270.92	1,193,092	13,410,593	684,679	4.92	19.6
363.50	CNG REFUELING FACILITIES		31-R3		(5)	3,051,295.49	1,591,921	1,611,939	79,206	2.60	20.4
363.60	LNG REFUELING FACILITIES		45-S2.5		(5)	739,473.00	739,473	36,974	1,820	0.25	20.3
TOTAL	LOCAL STORAGE PLANT					86,341,544.73	34,531,987	57,699,351	3,095,569	3.59	

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UM2214	UM2214		PROBABLE		ORIGINAL COST	воок		CALCULATED ANNUAL		COMPOSITE
	DEPRECIABLE GROUP	RETIREME YEAR	SURVIVOR CURVE	SALVAGE PERCENT	AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2020	DEPRECIATION RESERVE	FUTURE ACCRUALS	ACCRUAL AMOUNT	ACCRUAL RATE	REMAINING LIFE
	(1)	#	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)	(9)=(8)/(5)	(10)=(7)/(8)
TRANSI	MISSION PLANT									
365.20	LAND RIGHTS		75-R4	0	6,455,176.86	2,322,594	4,132,583	84,208	1.30	49.1
366.30	STRUCTURES AND IMPROVE	MENT	55-R3	0	1,546,072.61	412,870	1,133,203	27,003	1.75	42.0
367.00	MAINS		70-R3	(30)	188,276,558.85	35,068,866	209,690,661	3,404,001	1.81	61.6
367.21	MAINS - NORTH MIST		70-R3	(30)	1,994,582.39	1,245,979	1,346,978	29,066	1.46	46.3
367.22	MAINS - SOUTH MIST		70-R3	(30)	14,949,264.00	11,490,417	7,943,626	195,623	1.31	40.6
367.23	MAINS - SOUTH MIST		70-R3	(30)	34,881,341.36	15,930,670	29,415,074	590,355	1.69	49.8
367.24	MAINS - 11.7M S MIST		70-R3	(30)	17,466,181.89	6,835,289	15,870,747	298,659	1.71	53.1
367.25	MAINS - 12M NORTH S MIST		70-R3	(30)	18,613,651.15	6,984,265	17,213,481	321,303	1.73	53.6
367.26	MAINS - 38M NORTH S MIST		70-R3	(30)	68,232,675.58	25,782,091	62,920,387	1,174,836	1.72	53.6
368.00	COMPRESSOR STATION EQU	JIPMEI	45-R3	(5)	7,723,454.21	2,884,478	5,225,149	158,338	2.05	33.0
369.00	MEASURING AND REGULATII	NG EQ	50-R2.5	(10)	3,969,550.28	1,823,192	2,543,313	71,661	1.81	35.5
TOTAL	TRANSMISSION PLANT				364,108,509.18	110,780,711	357,435,202	6,355,053	1.75	
DISTRIE	BUTION PLANT									
374.20	LAND RIGHTS		75-R3	0	1,886,180.64	1,702,286	183,895	3,079	0.16	59.7
375.00	STRUCTURES AND IMPROVE	MENT	35-S0	0	1,519,558.28	135,155	1,384,403	53,310	3.51	26.0
376.11	MAINS - HP 4" AND LESS		70-R3	(55)	658.475.597.80	357,154,000	663,483,177	12,886,185	1.96	51.5
376.12	MAINS - HP 4" AND OVER		70-R3	(55)	665,678,335.92	257,577,034	774,224,387	14,227,701	2.14	54.4
377.00	COMPRESSOR STATION EQU	JIPMEI	35-S2	(5)	818,380.00	688,761	170,538	9,115	1.11	18.7
378.00	MEASURING AND REGULATII	NG ST.	55-R2.5	(25)	41,139,658.95	13,074,028	38,350,546	907,949	2.21	42.2
379.00	MEASURING AND REGULATII	NG ST.	50-R2	(25)	18,110,616.93	3,212,848	19,425,423	423,933	2.34	45.8
380.00	SERVICES		65-R2	(99)	875,426,720.52	444,534,925	1,297,564,249	26,004,435	2.97	49.9
381.00	METERS		33-R1	O	106,548,353.39	22,306,515	84,241,838	3,749,285	3.52	22.5
381.10	METERS - ELECTRIC		16-S4	0	1,696,938.46	1,386,751	310,187	36,445	2.15	8.5
381.20	METERS - ERT		18-R2	0	43,676,207.05	19,996,313	23,679,894	2,260,193	5.17	10.5
382.00	METER INSTALLATIONS		32-S0.5	0	64,212,622.94	4,154,436	60,058,187	3,691,350	5.75	16.3
382.10	METER INSTALLATIONS - ELE	ECTRIC	14-L3	0	481,019.77	162,824	318,196	51,075	10.62	6.2
382.20	METER INSTALLATIONS - ER	Т	20-R2	0	9,174,695.76	6,045,561	3,129,135	283,193	3.09	11.0
383.00	HOUSE REGULATORS		40-S2	0	2,553,747.52	467,032	2,086,716	62,330	2.44	33.5
386.00	OTHER PROPERTY ON CUST	OMEF	10-S6	0	1,162,110.41	388,027	774,083	119,090	10.25	6.5
387.10	OTHER EQUIPMENT - CATHO		30-S3	0	173,858.98	146,273	27,586	1,693	0.97	16.3
387.20	OTHER EQUIPMENT - CALOR		23-S0.5	0	96,424.00	96,424	0	0	-	-
387.30	OTHER EQUIPMENT - METER		25-S4	0	72,671.00	72,671	0	0	-	-
TOTAL	DISTRIBUTION PLANT				2,492,903,698.32	1,133,301,864	2,969,412,440	64,770,361	2.60	

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UM221		_	NET	ORIGINAL COST	воок		CALCULATED		COMPOSITE
	RETIREME DEPRECIABLE GROUP YEAR	CURVE	SALVAGE	AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2020	DEPRECIATION RESERVE	FUTURE ACCRUALS	ACCRUAL AMOUNT	ACCRUAL RATE	REMAINING LIFE
	(1) #	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)	(9)=(8)/(5)	(10)=(7)/(8)
GENER	AL PLANT								
390.00	STRUCTURES AND IMPROVEMENT	48-S0	(5)	76,076,719.92	15,137,283	64,743,273	1,596,868	2.10	40.5
390.10	STRUCTURES AND IMPROVEMENT	48-S0	(5)	21,288,272.24	6,048,763	16,303,923	388,018	1.82	42.0
391.10	OFFICE FURNITURE AND EQUIPME	20-SQ	0	17,096,600.38	4,023,370	13,073,230	855,517	5.00	15.3
391.20	OFFICE FURNITURE AND EQUIPME	5-SQ	0	54,361,086.44	20,496,560	33,864,526	10,872,979	20.00	3.1
392.00	TRANSPORTATION EQUIPMENT	13-L2	15	54,519,109.80	14,675,021	31,666,222	3,681,303	6.75	8.6
393.00	STORES EQUIPMENT	FULLY AC	CRUED	119,406.00	119,406	0	0	-	-
394.00	TOOLS, SHOP AND GARAGE EQUIF	25-SQ	0	16,925,338.80	5,180,775	11,744,564	677,012	4.00	17.3
396.00	POWER OPERATED EQUIPMENT	17-L1.5	24	14,021,593.89	2,966,394	7,690,017	611,810	4.36	12.6
397.00	COMMUNICATION EQUIPMENT	15-SQ	0	67,400.78	45,230	22,171	4,494	6.67	4.9
397.10	COMMUNICATION EQUIPMENT - MO	10-SQ	0	4,256,889.70	640,080	3,616,810	425,688	10.00	8.5
397.20	COMMUNICATION EQUIPMENT - NO	15-SQ	0	9,957.65	4,980	4,978	664	6.67	7.5
397.30	COMMUNICATION EQUIPMENT - TE	15-SQ	0	6,759,709.02	1,343,445	5,416,264	450,853	6.67	12.0
397.40	COMMUNICATION EQUIPMENT - TE	15-SQ	0	5,723,453.25	1,066,715	4,656,738	382,030	6.67	12.2
397.50	COMMUNICATION EQUIPMENT - TE	10-SQ	0	490,766.50	339,930	150,836	49,076	10.00	3.1
398.10	MISCELLANEOUS EQUIPMENT - PR	15-SQ	0	4,359.31	3,342	1,017	291	6.67	3.5
398.20	MISCELLANEOUS EQUIPMENT - KIT	15-SQ	0	28,864.84	9,505	19,360	1,924	6.67	10.1
398.30	MISCELLANEOUS EQUIPMENT - JA	FULLY AC	CRUED	14,873.00	14,873	0	0	-	-
398.40	MISCELLANEOUS EQUIPMENT - LEASED	FULLY AC	CRUED	10,120.00	10,120	0	0	-	=
398.50	MISCELLANEOUS EQUIPMENT - OTHER	FULLY AC	CRUED	66,739.00	66,739	0	0_	-	-
TOTAL	GENERAL PLANT			271,841,260.52	72,192,531	192,973,929	19,998,527	7.36	

TABLE 1. SUMMARY OF ESTIMATED SURVIVOR CURVE, NET SALVAGE PERCENT, ORIGINAL COST, BOOK DEPRECIATION RESERVE AND CALCULATED ANNUAL DEPRECIATION ACCRUALS RELATED TO GAS PLANT AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2020

UM2214		PROBABL	E	NET	ORIGINAL COST	воок		CALCULATED	ANNUAL	COMPOSITE
	DEPRECIABLE GROUP	RETIREME YEAR	SURVIVOR CURVE	SALVAGE PERCENT	AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2020	DEPRECIATION RESERVE	FUTURE ACCRUALS	ACCRUAL AMOUNT	ACCRUAL RATE	REMAINING LIFE
	(1)	#	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)	(9)=(8)/(5)	(10)=(7)/(8)
RESERV	/E ADJUSTMENT FOR AMOR	RTIZATION								
391.10	OFFICE FURNITURE AND E	EQUIPMENT				1,979,631		(395,926) *	*	
391.20	OFFICE FURNITURE AND E	EQUIPMENT - C	OMPUTERS			1,887,272		(377,454) *	*	
394.00	TOOLS, SHOP AND GARAG	SE EQUIPMENT				843,257		(168,651) *	*	
395.00	LABORATORY EQUIPMENT	Γ				(22)		4 *	*	
397.00	COMMUNICATION EQUIPM	IENT				(4,236)		847 *	*	
397.10	COMMUNICATION EQUIPM	IENT - MOBILE				(34,713)		6,943 *	*	
397.20	COMMUNICATION EQUIPM	IENT - NON-MO	BILE AND TE	LEMETER		(32,872)		6,574 *	*	
397.30	COMMUNICATION EQUIPM	IENT - TELEME	TER OTHER			(560,130)		112,026 *	*	
397.40	COMMUNICATION EQUIPM	IENT - TELEME	TER MICROV	VAVE		(298,740)		59,748 *	*	
397.50	COMMUNICATION EQUIPM	IENT - TELEPHO	ONE			131,075		(26,215) *	*	
398.10	MISCELLANEOUS EQUIPM	ENT - PRINT SH	HOP			(53)		11 *	*	
398.20	MISCELLANEOUS EQUIPM	ENT - KITCHEN			-	(1,747)		349 *	*	
TOTAL I	RESERVE ADJUSTMENT FO	R AMORTIZATI	ON		-	3,908,722		(781,744)		
TOTAL I	DEPRECIABLE GAS PLANT				3,568,471,400.62	1,499,485,478	3,794,996,782	106,852,064	2.99	

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UM2214	1	PROBABL	E	NET	ORIGINAL COST	воок		CALCULATE	D ANNUAL	COMPOSITE
	DEPRECIABLE GROUP	RETIREME YEAR	SURVIVOR CURVE	SALVAGE PERCENT	AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2020	DEPRECIATION RESERVE	FUTURE ACCRUALS	ACCRUAL AMOUNT	ACCRUAL RATE	REMAINING LIFE
	(1)	#	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)	(9)=(8)/(5)	(10)=(7)/(8)
NONDE	PRECIABLE GAS PLANT									
301.00	ORGANIZATION				1,174.00					
302.00	FRANCHISES AND CONSENT	S			83,621.00					
304.10	LAND				24,998.00					
350.10	LAND				106,549.00					
360.11	LAND - LNG LINNTON				83,598.00					
360.12	LAND - LNG NEWPORT				536,675.00					
360.20	LAND - OTHER				106,557.00					
365.10	LAND				1,015,597.00					
374.10	LAND				211,692.00					
389.00	LAND				13,063,368.00	437,351				
	ROU UTILITY LEASE					8,415,272				
	FIN UTILITY LEASE					28,977				
TOTAL I	NONDEPRECIABLE GAS PLAN	т			15,233,829.00	8,881,600				
TOTA	L GAS PLANT IN SERVICE				3,583,705,229.62	1,508,367,078				

^{*} INDICATES INTERIM SURVIVOR CURVE. EACH UNIT HAS A UNIQUE TERMINAL DATE.

^{** 5} YEAR AMORTIZATION OF RESERVE RELATED TO AMORTIZATION ACCOUNTING.

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION OF OREGON

UM 2214

In the Matter of

NORTHWEST NATURAL GAS COMPANY, dba, NW NATURAL

Updated Depreciation Study Pursuant to OAR 860-027-0350.

JOINT TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF STIPULATION

WITNESSES: John Spanos, Ming Peng, and Bradley Mullins

INTRODUCTION

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2 Q. Please state your names, occupations, and business addresses.

My name is John Spanos. My current position is President at Gannett Fleming Valuation and Rate Consultants, LLC ("Gannett Fleming"). I am testifying on behalf of Northwest Natural Gas Company ("NW Natural" or the "Company"). My business address is 207 Senate Avenue, Camp Hill, PA 17011. My witness qualification statement is set forth in Exhibit 101.

My name is Ming Peng. I am a Senior Economist for the Public Utility Commission of Oregon ("Commission" or "OPUC"). My business address is 201 High Street SE, Salem, OR 97301. My witness qualification statement is set forth in Exhibit 102.

My name is Bradley G. Mullins. I am a Consultant for MW Analytics, an independent consulting firm representing utility customers before state public utility commissions in the Northwest and Intermountain West. I am testifying on behalf of the Alliance of Western Energy Consumers ("AWEC"). My witness qualification statement is set forth in Exhibit 103.

Q. What is the purpose of your Joint Testimony?

This Joint Testimony addresses the depreciation study submitted by NW Natural to the Commission on December 17, 2021 (the "Depreciation Study"). The purpose of this Joint Testimony is to describe and provide support for the Stipulation among NW Natural, Commission Staff, and AWEC (together, the "Stipulating Parties"). The adjustments to NW Natural's Depreciation Study discussed in the Stipulation are reasonable and will result in fair and equitable rates if adopted by the Commission. The Oregon Citizens' Utility Board ("CUB") also is a party to this docket and has

1 authorized the Stipulating Parties to represent that CUB takes no position 2 on the Stipulation.

3 Q. Please describe the Company's depreciation study filing.

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A. On December 17, 2021, pursuant to OAR 860-027-0350, the Company filed a detailed Depreciation Study that updated NW Natural's annual depreciation accrual rates and amounts for accounting and ratemaking purposes. ORS 757.140 requires utilities to carry a proper and adequate depreciation account that reflects depreciation rates approved by the Commission. NW Natural hired Gannett Fleming to perform the Depreciation Study. The Depreciation Study included descriptions of the methods used in the estimation of depreciation, the summary of annual depreciation accrual rates, the statistical support for the life and net salvage and the detailed tabulations of annual depreciation ("depreciation rates"). All assets in the study were included in traditional FERC classifications of Intangible Plant, Other Production Plant, Natural Gas Storage and Processing Plant, Transmission, Distribution, and General Plant assets.

18 Q. Please describe the results of NW Natural's Depreciation Study.

19 Α. Based on the Company's Depreciation Study, the Company proposed annual book depreciation expense of \$116.2 million when applied to depreciable plant balances as of December 31, 2020. Based on NW 22 Natural's proposed depreciation rates, the difference in depreciation expense 23 under the depreciation rates currently in effect for NW Natural and the 24 depreciation expense in the Depreciation Study was an approximately \$8.6 million increase. 25

- Q. Did Staff conduct an independent review of NW Natural's depreciationrates?
- 3 A. Yes. Staff's review was independent and comprehensive, as discussed in the following section.
- Q. Did AWEC also conduct an independent review of NW Natural's
 depreciation rates?
- 7 A. Yes. AWEC engaged a third-party consultant to assist in its review of NW Natural's depreciation rates and engaged in discovery to assist its review.

STAFF'S REVIEW AND ANALYSIS

- 10 Q. Please provide a summary of Staff's review of NW Natural's
 11 depreciation rates.
- 12 A. Staff reviewed the Company's filing and engaged in settlement discussions 13 on May 26, 2022.
- 14 Q. How did Staff analyze Iowa Curves and Average Service Lives?

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15 A. Depreciation rates are derived from two depreciation parameters: (1) the combination of Survival Curve¹ and Projection Life (Curve-Life), and (2) Net 16 Salvage Rates.² The Curve-Life parameter is the combination of Survivor 17 18 Curve Type with Dispersion Indicator and Projection Life. Staff utilized the actuarial retirement rate methodology to analyze historical retirement data 19 20 to help determine lowa Curves and average service lives for each 21 depreciation group. Stipulation Exhibit A shows the depreciation groups for 22 which the Staff analyses produced differing results from NW Natural, and

¹ "Survivor curves" means a curve that shows the number of units or cost of a given group which is surviving in service at given ages. The survivor curves were developed by the Engineering Research Institute of Iowa State University. These curves are frequently referred to as "Iowa Curves."

² Net salvage is the difference between gross salvage and cost of removal. Net salvage is positive when gross salvage exceeds the cost of removal and reduces the revenue requirement. Conversely, net salvage is negative when cost of removal exceeds gross salvage and increases the revenue requirement.

the final position agreed to by the Stipulating Parties in settlement discussions.

Q. How did Staff analyze curve-lives?

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Staff began with NW Natural's raw data listed by FERC account; if no data was available for some accounts, Staff looked at data under the same account from other gas companies nationwide. Staff then determined the curve-life statistic based on the minimum sum of the normalized squared deviations. Normalization was done by dividing each deviation by the corresponding observed balance. After that, Staff recommended changes to NW Natural's originally proposed curve-life combination for depreciable property groups. The recommended changes were made in the average service life or dispersion curve (or both) for the FERC account categories in the "Other Production Facilities, Underground Storage Plant, Local Storage Plant, Transmission Plant, Distribution Plant, and General Plant."

Q. How did Staff analyze net salvage rates?

Staff analyzed the net salvage rates submitted by NW Natural, and examined the asset retirement activities by comparing year-by-year, three-year and five-year moving averages, as well as the most recent five and ten-year averages.

For FERC 300 level accounts, both Staff and NW Natural utilized the statistical methods of overall averages, and rolling and shrinking band analyses to study historical data to help estimate net salvage characteristics.

Q. What were the results of Staff's analysis?

Staff made multiple account adjustments as part of its analysis, which resulted in depreciation rates increasing for some accounts and decreasing for others as compared with those requested in the Company's Depreciation Study. Staff's review and analysis resulted in a \$106.9 million annual depreciation expense. Staff arrived at this value by adjusting lowa survivor curves, projected average

service lives, and net salvage rates that were different from those used by NW Natural.

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SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT

Q. Were the Parties able to resolve their differences for each of the accounts where the analyses differed?

Yes. On May 26, 2022, Staff, NW Natural, and AWEC participated in a settlement conference that resulted in agreed upon depreciation rates described in Exhibit 104 (Adjustment Parameter Comparison). The depreciation rates agreed to in this Stipulation will result in an annual depreciation expense of approximately \$106.9 million, resulting in an approximate \$9.3 million decrease from the annual depreciation expense proposed in the Depreciation Study. The overall composite depreciation rate for the total depreciable gas plant is 2.99 percent, compared to NW Natural's initially proposed 3.26 percent. Stipulation Exhibit A (Settlement Results) sets forth the detailed account-by-account annual depreciation rates agreed to as part of the Stipulation.

Q. Did the Stipulating Parties agree on curve-life for Underground Storage Accounts?

A. Yes. For Account 352.00 – Wells, the Stipulating Parties agreed to utilize a R2-60 curve that reflected all the critical factors for life expectancies for NW Natural's account. For Account 352.10 – Storage Leaseholds and Rights, the Stipulating Parties agreed to utilize a R3-65 curve that reflected all the critical factors for life expectancies for NW Natural's account. For Account 352.20, Reservoirs, the Stipulating Parties agreed to utilize a R2-60 curve that reflected all the critical factors for life expectancies for NW Natural's account. Life estimates for all other Underground Storage

- Accounts remained unchanged from the Company's filed Depreciation

 Study.
- Q. Did the Stipulating Parties agree on curve-life for Local StorageAccounts?
- Yes. For Account 363.30, Compressor Equipment, the Stipulating Parties agreed to utilize a R1.5-41 curve that reflected all the critical factors for life expectancies for NW Natural's account. Life estimates for all other Local Storage Accounts remained unchanged from the Company's filed Depreciation Study.
- 10 Q. Did the Stipulating Parties agree on curve-life for Distribution Plant
 11 Accounts?
- 12 Α. Yes. For Accounts 376.11, Mains – HP 4" and Less, and 376.12, Mains – 13 HP 4" and Over, the Stipulating Parties agreed to utilize a R3-70 curve that 14 reflected all the critical factors for life expectancies for NW Natural's 15 For Account 377.00, Compressor Station Equipment, the account. 16 Stipulating Parties agreed to utilize a S2-35 curve that reflected all the critical factors for the life expectancies for NW Natural's account. For 17 18 Account 381.00, Meters, the Stipulating Parties agreed to utilize a R1-33 19 curve that reflected all the critical factors for the life expectancies for NW 20 Natural's account. For Account 381.20, Meters - ERT, the Stipulating 21 Parties agreed to utilize a R2-18 curve that reflected all the critical factors 22 for the life expectancies for NW Natural's account. For Account 382.00, 23 Meter Installations, the Stipulating Parties agreed to utilize a S0.5-32 curve. 24 For Account 382.20, Meter Installations - ERT, the Stipulating Parties agreed to utilize a R2-20 curve that reflected all the critical factors for the 25 26 life expectancies for NW Natural's account. For Account 383.00, House 27 Regulators, the Stipulating Parties agreed to utilize a S2-40 curve that

1		reflected all the critical factors for the life expectancies for NW Natural's
2		account. Life estimates for all other Distribution Plant Accounts remained
3		unchanged from the Company's filed Depreciation Study.
4	Q.	Did the Stipulating Parties agree on curve-life for Functions and
5		Accounts not specifically referenced in this testimony?
6	A.	Yes. Curve-life estimates for all Functions and Accounts not specifically
7		referenced in this testimony remained unchanged from the Company's filed
8		Depreciation Study.
9	Q.	Did the Stipulating Parties agree on net salvage rates for Transmission
10		Plant Accounts?
11	A.	Yes. The Stipulating Parties agreed to utilize a -30% net salvage rate for
12		all subaccounts of Account 367.00, Mains. Net salvage rates for all other
13		Transmission Plant Accounts remained unchanged from the Company's
14		filed Depreciation Study.
15	Q.	Did the Stipulating Parties agree on net salvage rates for Distribution
16		Plant Accounts?
17	A.	Yes. The Stipulating Parties agreed to utilize a -55% net salvage rate for
18		Accounts 376.11, Mains – HP 4" and Less, and 376.12, Mains – HP 4" and
19		Over. For Account 380.00, Services, the Stipulating Parties agreed to utilize
20		a -99% net salvage rate. Net salvage rates for all other Distribution Plant
21		Accounts remained unchanged from the Company's filed Depreciation
22		Study.
23	Q.	Did the Stipulating Parties agree on net salvage rates for General Plant
24		Accounts?
25	A.	Yes. For Account 396.00, Power Operated Equipment, the Stipulating
26		Parties agreed to utilize a 24% net salvage rate. Net salvage rates for all

1 other General Plant Accounts remained unchanged from the Company's 2 filed Depreciation Study. 3 Q. Did the Stipulating Parties agree on net salvage rates for Functions 4 and Accounts not specifically referenced in this testimony? 5 A. Yes. Net salvage rates for all Functions and Accounts not specifically referenced in this testimony remained unchanged from the Company's filed 6 7 Depreciation Study. 8 Q. When will NW Natural implement the new depreciation rates? 9 NW Natural agrees to use the depreciation rates in Stipulation Exhibit A, if Α. 10 approved by the Commission, as the basis for its depreciation rates in the 11 Company's pending general rate case proceeding (UG 435), in accordance with the Multi-Party Stipulation Regarding Revenue Requirement, Rate 12 13 Spread and Certain Other Issues filed in that docket on May 31, 2022 14 ("Multi-Party Stipulation"), upon Commission approval of the Multi-Party 15 Stipulation. NW Natural will simultaneously update its depreciation rates on 16 its books when new retail rates are effective following the UG 435 general rate case. 17 18 Q. Does the Stipulation represent a complete resolution of the issues in 19 this docket? 20 Α. Yes. 21 JOINT RECOMMENDATION 22 Q. What do the Parties recommend regarding the Stipulation?

We recommend that the Commission adopt the Stipulation in its entirety.

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- 25 A. Yes.

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Does this conclude your testimony?

Exhibit 101 Spanos Qualifications

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DEPRECIATION EXPERIENCE

- Q. Please state your name.
- A. My name is John J. Spanos.
- Q. What is your educational background?
- A. I have Bachelor of Science degrees in Industrial Management and Mathematics from Carnegie-Mellon University and a Master of Business Administration from York College.
- Q. Do you belong to any professional societies?
- A. Yes. I am a member and past President of the Society of Depreciation Professionals and a member of the American Gas Association/Edison Electric Institute Industry Accounting Committee.
- Q. Do you hold any special certification as a depreciation expert?
- A. Yes. The Society of Depreciation Professionals has established national standards for depreciation professionals. The Society administers an examination to become certified in this field. I passed the certification exam in September 1997 and was recertified in August 2003, February 2008, January 2013 and February 2018.
- Q. Please outline your experience in the field of depreciation.
- A. In June 1986, I was employed by Gannett Fleming Valuation and Rate Consultants, Inc. as a Depreciation Analyst. During the period from June 1986 through December 1995, I helped prepare numerous depreciation and original cost studies for utility companies in various industries. I helped perform depreciation studies for the following telephone companies:

 United Telephone of Pennsylvania, United Telephone of New Jersey, and Anchorage Telephone Utility. I helped perform depreciation studies for the following companies in

the railroad industry: Union Pacific Railroad, Burlington Northern Railroad, and Wisconsin Central Transportation Corporation.

I helped perform depreciation studies for the following organizations in the electric utility industry: Chugach Electric Association, The Cincinnati Gas and Electric Company (CG&E), The Union Light, Heat and Power Company (ULH&P), Northwest Territories Power Corporation, and the City of Calgary - Electric System.

I helped perform depreciation studies for the following pipeline companies: TransCanada Pipelines Limited, Trans Mountain Pipe Line Company Ltd., Interprovincial Pipe Line Inc., Nova Gas Transmission Limited and Lakehead Pipeline Company.

I helped perform depreciation studies for the following gas utility companies: Columbia Gas of Pennsylvania, Columbia Gas of Maryland, The Peoples Natural Gas Company, T. W. Phillips Gas & Oil Company, CG&E, ULH&P, Lawrenceburg Gas Company and Penn Fuel Gas, Inc.

I helped perform depreciation studies for the following water utility companies: Indiana-American Water Company, Consumers Pennsylvania Water Company and The York Water Company; and depreciation and original cost studies for Philadelphia Suburban Water Company and Pennsylvania-American Water Company.

In each of the above studies, I assembled and analyzed historical and simulated data, performed field reviews, developed preliminary estimates of service life and net salvage, calculated annual depreciation, and prepared reports for submission to state public utility commissions or federal regulatory agencies. I performed these studies under the general direction of William M. Stout, P.E.

In January 1996, I was assigned to the position of Supervisor of Depreciation Studies. In July 1999, I was promoted to the position of Manager, Depreciation and

Valuation Studies. In December 2000, I was promoted to the position as Vice-President of Gannett Fleming Valuation and Rate Consultants, Inc., in April 2012, I was promoted to the position as Senior Vice President of the Valuation and Rate Division of Gannett Fleming Inc. (now doing business as Gannett Fleming Valuation and Rate Consultants, LLC) and in January of 2019, I was promoted to my present position of President of Gannett Fleming Valuation and Rate Consultants, LLC. In my current position I am responsible for conducting all depreciation, valuation and original cost studies, including the preparation of final exhibits and responses to data requests for submission to the appropriate regulatory bodies.

Since January 1996, I have conducted depreciation studies similar to those previously listed including assignments for Pennsylvania-American Water Company; Aqua Pennsylvania; Kentucky-American Water Company; Virginia-American Water Company; Indiana-American Water Company; Iowa-American Water Company; New Jersey-American Water Company; Hampton Water Works Company; Omaha Public Power District; Enbridge Pipe Line Company; Inc.; Columbia Gas of Virginia, Inc.; Virginia Natural Gas Company National Fuel Gas Distribution Corporation - New York and Pennsylvania Divisions; The City of Bethlehem - Bureau of Water; The City of Coatesville Authority; The City of Lancaster - Bureau of Water; Peoples Energy Corporation; The York Water Company; Public Service Company of Colorado; Enbridge Pipelines; Enbridge Gas Distribution, Inc.; Reliant Energy-HLP; Massachusetts-American Water Company; St. Louis County Water Company; Missouri-American Water Company; Chugach Electric Association; Alliant Energy; Oklahoma Gas & Electric Company; Nevada Power Company; Dominion Virginia Power; NUI-Virginia Gas Companies; Pacific Gas & Electric Company; PSI Energy; NUI - Elizabethtown Gas Company; Cinergy Corporation – CG&E; Cinergy

Corporation – ULH&P; Columbia Gas of Kentucky; South Carolina Electric & Gas Company; Idaho Power Company; El Paso Electric Company; Aqua North Carolina; Aqua Ohio; Aqua Texas, Inc.; Aqua Illinois, Inc.; Ameren Missouri; Central Hudson Gas & Electric; Centennial Pipeline Company; CenterPoint Energy-Arkansas; CenterPoint Energy - Oklahoma; CenterPoint Energy - Entex; CenterPoint Energy - Louisiana; NSTAR -Boston Edison Company; Westar Energy, Inc.; United Water Pennsylvania; PPL Electric Utilities; PPL Gas Utilities; Wisconsin Power & Light Company; TransAlaska Pipeline; Avista Corporation; Northwest Natural Gas; Allegheny Energy Supply, Inc.; Public Service Company of North Carolina; South Jersey Gas Company; Duquesne Light Company; MidAmerican Energy Company; Laclede Gas; Duke Energy Company; E.ON U.S. Services Inc.; Elkton Gas Services; Anchorage Water and Wastewater Utility; Kansas City Power and Light; Duke Energy North Carolina; Duke Energy South Carolina; Monongahela Power Company; Potomac Edison Company; Duke Energy Ohio Gas; Duke Energy Kentucky; Duke Energy Indiana; Duke Energy Progress; Northern Indiana Public Service Company; Tennessee- American Water Company; Columbia Gas of Maryland; Maryland-American Water Company; Bonneville Power Administration; NSTAR Electric and Gas Company; EPCOR Distribution, Inc.; B. C. Gas Utility, Ltd; Entergy Arkansas; Entergy Texas; Entergy Mississippi; Entergy Louisiana; Entergy Gulf States Louisiana; the Borough of Hanover; Louisville Gas and Electric Company; Kentucky Utilities Company; Madison Gas and Electric; Central Maine Power; PEPCO; PacifiCorp; Minnesota Energy Resource Group; Jersey Central Power & Light Company; Cheyenne Light, Fuel and Power Company; United Water Arkansas; Central Vermont Public Service Corporation; Green Mountain Power; Portland General Electric Company; Atlantic City Electric; Nicor Gas Company; Black Hills Power; Black Hills Colorado Gas; Black Hills Energy Arkansas, Inc.; Black Hills Kansas

Gas; Black Hills Service Company; Black Hills Utility Holdings; Public Service Company of Oklahoma; City of Dubois; Peoples Gas Light and Coke Company; North Shore Gas Company; Connecticut Light and Power; New York State Electric and Gas Corporation; Rochester Gas and Electric Corporation; Greater Missouri Operations; Tennessee Valley Authority; Omaha Public Power District; Indianapolis Power & Light Company; Vermont Gas Systems, Inc.; Metropolitan Edison; Pennsylvania Electric; West Penn Power; Pennsylvania Power; PHI Service Company - Delmarva Power and Light; Atmos Energy Corporation; Citizens Energy Group; PSE&G Company; Berkshire Gas Company; Alabama Gas Corporation; Mid-Atlantic Interstate Transmission, LLC; SUEZ Water; WEC Energy Group; Rocky Mountain Natural Gas, LLC; Illinois-American Water Company; Northern Illinois Gas Company; Public Service of New Hampshire and Newtown Artesian Water Company.

My additional duties include determining final life and salvage estimates, conducting field reviews, presenting recommended depreciation rates to management for its consideration and supporting such rates before regulatory bodies.

- Q. Have you submitted testimony to any state utility commission on the subject of utility plant depreciation?
- A. Yes. I have submitted testimony to the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission; the Commonwealth of Kentucky Public Service Commission; the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio; the Nevada Public Utility Commission; the Public Utilities Board of New Jersey; the Missouri Public Service Commission; the Massachusetts Department of Telecommunications and Energy; the Alberta Energy & Utility Board; the Idaho Public Utility Commission; the Louisiana Public Service Commission; the State Corporation Commission of Kansas; the Oklahoma Corporate Commission; the Public Service

Commission of South Carolina; Railroad Commission of Texas – Gas Services Division; the New York Public Service Commission; Illinois Commerce Commission; the Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission; the California Public Utilities Commission; the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission ("FERC"); the Arkansas Public Service Commission; the Public Utility Commission of Texas; Maryland Public Service Commission; Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission; The Tennessee Regulatory Commission; the Regulatory Commission of Alaska; Minnesota Public Utility Commission; Utah Public Service Commission; District of Columbia Public Service Commission; the Mississippi Public Service Commission; Delaware Public Service Commission; Virginia State Corporation Commission; Colorado Public Utility Commission; Oregon Public Utility Commission; South Dakota Public Utilities Commission; Wisconsin Public Service Commission; Wyoming Public Service Commission; the Public Service Commission of West Virginia; Maine Public Utility Commission; Iowa Utility Board; Connecticut Public Utilities Regulatory Authority; New Mexico Public Regulation Commission; Commonwealth of Massachusetts Department of Public Utilities; Rhode Island Public Utilities Commission and the North Carolina Utilities Commission.

Q. Have you had any additional education relating to utility plant depreciation?

A. Yes. I have completed the following courses conducted by Depreciation Programs, Inc.: "Techniques of Life Analysis," "Techniques of Salvage and Depreciation Analysis," "Forecasting Life and Salvage," "Modeling and Life Analysis Using Simulation," and "Managing a Depreciation Study." I have also completed the "Introduction to Public Utility Accounting" program conducted by the American Gas Association.

Q. Does this conclude your qualification statement?

A. Yes.

LIST OF CASES IN WHICH JOHN J. SPANOS SUBMITTED TESTIMONY

	<u>Year</u>	<u>Jurisdiction</u>	Docket No.	Client Utility	<u>Subject</u>
01.	1998	PA PUC	R-00984375	City of Bethlehem – Bureau of Water	Original Cost and Depreciation
02.	1998	PA PUC	R-00984567	City of Lancaster	Original Cost and Depreciation
03.	1999	PA PUC	R-00994605	The York Water Company	Depreciation
04.	2000	D.T.&E.	DTE 00-105	Massachusetts-American Water Company	Depreciation
05.	2001	PA PUC	R-00016114	City of Lancaster	Original Cost and Depreciation
06.	2001	PA PUC	R-00017236	The York Water Company	Depreciation
07.	2001	PA PUC	R-00016339	Pennsylvania-American Water Company	Depreciation
08.	2001	OH PUC	01-1228-GA-AIR	Cinergy Corp – Cincinnati Gas & Elect Company	Depreciation
09.	2001	KY PSC	2001-092	Cinergy Corp – Union Light, Heat & Power Co.	Depreciation
10.	2002	PA PUC	R-00016750	Philadelphia Suburban Water Company	Depreciation
11.	2002	KY PSC	2002-00145	Columbia Gas of Kentucky	Depreciation
12.	2002	NJ BPU	GF02040245	NUI Corporation/Elizabethtown Gas Company	Depreciation
13.	2002	ID PUC	IPC-E-03-7	Idaho Power Company	Depreciation
14.	2003	PA PUC	R-0027975	The York Water Company	Depreciation
15.	2003	IN URC	R-0027975	Cinergy Corp – PSI Energy, Inc.	Depreciation
16.	2003	PA PUC	R-00038304	Pennsylvania-American Water Company	Depreciation
17.	2003	MO PSC	WR-2003-0500	Missouri-American Water Company	Depreciation
18.	2003	FERC	ER03-1274-000	NSTAR-Boston Edison Company	Depreciation
19.	2003	NJ BPU	BPU 03080683	South Jersey Gas Company	Depreciation
20.	2003	NV PUC	03-10001	Nevada Power Company	Depreciation
21.	2003	LA PSC	U-27676	CenterPoint Energy – Arkla	Depreciation
22.	2003	PA PUC	R-00038805	Pennsylvania Suburban Water Company	Depreciation
23.	2004	AB En/Util Bd	1306821	EPCOR Distribution, Inc.	Depreciation
24.	2004	PA PUC	R-00038168	National Fuel Gas Distribution Corp (PA)	Depreciation
25.	2004	PA PUC	R-00049255	PPL Electric Utilities	Depreciation
26.	2004	PA PUC	R-00049165	The York Water Company	Depreciation
27.	2004	OK Corp Cm	PUC 200400187	CenterPoint Energy – Arkla	Depreciation
28.	2004	OH PUC	04-680-El-AIR	Cinergy Corp. – Cincinnati Gas and	Depreciation
				Electric Company	
29.	2004	RR Com of TX	GUD#	CenterPoint Energy – Entex Gas Services Div.	Depreciation
30.	2004	NY PUC	04-G-1047	National Fuel Gas Distribution Gas (NY)	Depreciation
31.	2004	AR PSC	04-121-U	CenterPoint Energy – Arkla	Depreciation
32.	2005	IL CC	05-ICC-06	North Shore Gas Company	Depreciation
33.	2005	IL CC	05-ICC-06	Peoples Gas Light and Coke Company	Depreciation
34.	2005	KY PSC	2005-00042	Union Light Heat & Power	Depreciation
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35.	2005	IL CC	05-0308	MidAmerican Energy Company	Depreciation
36.	2005	MO PSC	GF-2005	Laclede Gas Company	Depreciation
37.	2005	KS CC	05-WSEE-981-RTS	Westar Energy	Depreciation
38.	2005	RR Com of TX	GUD#	CenterPoint Energy – Entex Gas Services Div.	Depreciation
39.	2005	US District Court	Cause No. 1:99-CV-1693- LJM/VSS	Cinergy Corporation	Accounting
40.	2005	ОК СС	PUD 200500151	Oklahoma Gas and Electric Company	Depreciation
41.	2005	MA Dept Tele- com & Ergy	DTE 05-85	NSTAR	Depreciation
42.	2005	NY PUC	05-E-934/05-G-0935	Central Hudson Gas & Electric Company	Depreciation
43.	2005	AK Reg Com	U-04-102	Chugach Electric Association	Depreciation
44.	2005	CA PUC	A05-12-002	Pacific Gas & Electric	Depreciation
45.	2006	PA PUC	R-00051030	Aqua Pennsylvania, Inc.	Depreciation
46.	2006	PA PUC	R-00051178	T.W. Phillips Gas and Oil Company	Depreciation
47.	2006	NC Util Cm.	G-5, Sub522	Pub. Service Company of North Carolina	Depreciation
48.	2006	PA PUC	R-00051167	City of Lancaster	Depreciation
49.	2006	PA PUC	R00061346	Duquesne Light Company	Depreciation
50.	2006	PA PUC	R-00061322	The York Water Company	Depreciation
51.	2006	PA PUC	R-00051298	PPL GAS Utilities	Depreciation
52.	2006	PUC of TX	32093	CenterPoint Energy – Houston Electric	Depreciation
53.	2006	KY PSC	2006-00172	Duke Energy Kentucky	Depreciation
54.	2006	SC PSC		SCANA	Accounting
55.	2006	AK Reg Com	U-06-6	Municipal Light and Power	Depreciation
56.	2006	DE PSC	06-284	Delmarva Power and Light	Depreciation
57.	2006	IN URC	IURC43081	Indiana American Water Company	Depreciation
58.	2006	AK Reg Com	U-06-134	Chugach Electric Association	Depreciation
59.	2006	MO PSC	WR-2007-0216	Missouri American Water Company	Depreciation
60.	2006	FERC	IS05-82-002, et al	TransAlaska Pipeline	Depreciation
61.	2006	PA PUC	R-00061493	National Fuel Gas Distribution Corp. (PA)	Depreciation
62.	2007	NC Util Com.	E-7 SUB 828	Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC	Depreciation
63.	2007	OH PSC	08-709-EL-AIR	Duke Energy Ohio Gas	Depreciation
64.	2007	PA PUC	R-00072155	PPL Electric Utilities Corporation	Depreciation
65.	2007	KY PSC	2007-00143	Kentucky American Water Company	Depreciation

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66.	2007	PA PUC	R-00072229	Pennsylvania American Water Company	Depreciation
67.	2007	KY PSC	2007-0008	NiSource – Columbia Gas of Kentucky	Depreciation
68.	2007	NY PSC	07-G-0141	National Fuel Gas Distribution Corp (NY)	Depreciation
69.	2008	AK PSC	U-08-004	Anchorage Water & Wastewater Utility	Depreciation
70.	2008	TN Reg Auth	08-00039	Tennessee-American Water Company	Depreciation
71.	2008	DE PSC	08-96	Artesian Water Company	Depreciation
72.	2008	PA PUC	R-2008-2023067	The York Water Company	Depreciation
73.	2008	KS CC	08-WSEE1-RTS	Westar Energy	Depreciation
74.	2008	IN URC	43526	Northern Indiana Public Service Company	Depreciation
75.	2008	IN URC	43501	Duke Energy Indiana	Depreciation
76.	2008	MD PSC	9159	NiSource – Columbia Gas of Maryland	Depreciation
77.	2008	KY PSC	2008-000251	Kentucky Utilities	Depreciation
78.	2008	KY PSC	2008-000252	Louisville Gas & Electric	Depreciation
79.	2008	PA PUC	2008-20322689	Pennsylvania American Water Co Wastewater	Depreciation
80.	2008	NY PSC	08-E887/08-00888	Central Hudson	Depreciation
81.	2008	WV TC	VE-080416/VG-8080417	Avista Corporation	Depreciation
82.	2008	IL CC	ICC-09-166	Peoples Gas, Light and Coke Company	Depreciation
83.	2009	IL CC	ICC-09-167	North Shore Gas Company	Depreciation
84.	2009	DC PSC	1076	Potomac Electric Power Company	Depreciation
85.	2009	KY PSC	2009-00141	NiSource – Columbia Gas of Kentucky	Depreciation
86.	2009	FERC	ER08-1056-002	Entergy Services	Depreciation
87.	2009	PA PUC	R-2009-2097323	Pennsylvania American Water Company	Depreciation
88.	2009	NC Util Cm	E-7, Sub 090	Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC	Depreciation
89.	2009	KY PSC	2009-00202	Duke Energy Kentucky	Depreciation
90.	2009	VA St. CC	PUE-2009-00059	Aqua Virginia, Inc.	Depreciation
91.	2009	PA PUC	2009-2132019	Aqua Pennsylvania, Inc.	Depreciation
92.	2009	MS PSC	Docket No. 2011-UA-183	Entergy Mississippi	Depreciation
93.	2009	AK PSC	09-08-U	Entergy Arkansas	Depreciation
94.	2009	TX PUC	37744	Entergy Texas	Depreciation
95.	2009	TX PUC	37690	El Paso Electric Company	Depreciation
96.	2009	PA PUC	R-2009-2106908	The Borough of Hanover	Depreciation
97.	2009	KS CC	10-KCPE-415-RTS	Kansas City Power & Light	Depreciation
98.	2009	PA PUC	R-2009-	United Water Pennsylvania	Depreciation

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99.	2009	OH PUC		Aqua Ohio Water Company	Depreciation
100.	2009	WI PSC	3270-DU-103	Madison Gas & Electric Company	Depreciation
101.	2009	MO PSC	WR-2010	Missouri American Water Company	Depreciation
102.	2009	AK Reg Cm	U-09-097	Chugach Electric Association	Depreciation
103.	2010	IN URC	43969	Northern Indiana Public Service Company	Depreciation
104.	2010	WI PSC	6690-DU-104	Wisconsin Public Service Corp.	Depreciation
105.	2010	PA PUC	R-2010-2161694	PPL Electric Utilities Corp.	Depreciation
106.	2010	KY PSC	2010-00036	Kentucky American Water Company	Depreciation
107.	2010	PA PUC	R-2009-2149262	Columbia Gas of Pennsylvania	Depreciation
108.	2010	MO PSC	GR-2010-0171	Laclede Gas Company	Depreciation
109.	2010	SC PSC	2009-489-E	South Carolina Electric & Gas Company	Depreciation
110.	2010	NJ BD OF PU	ER09080664	Atlantic City Electric	Depreciation
111.	2010	VA St. CC	PUE-2010-00001	Virginia American Water Company	Depreciation
112.	2010	PA PUC	R-2010-2157140	The York Water Company	Depreciation
113.	2010	MO PSC	ER-2010-0356	Greater Missouri Operations Company	Depreciation
114.	2010	MO PSC	ER-2010-0355	Kansas City Power and Light	Depreciation
115.	2010	PA PUC	R-2010-2167797	T.W. Phillips Gas and Oil Company	Depreciation
116.	2010	PSC SC	2009-489-E	SCANA – Electric	Depreciation
117.	2010	PA PUC	R-2010-22010702	Peoples Natural Gas, LLC	Depreciation
118.	2010	AK PSC	10-067-U	Oklahoma Gas and Electric Company	Depreciation
119.	2010	IN URC	Cause No. 43894	Northern Indiana Public Serv. Company - NIFL	Depreciation
120.	2010	IN URC	Cause No. 43894	Northern Indiana Public Serv. Co Kokomo	Depreciation
121.	2010	PA PUC	R-2010-2166212	Pennsylvania American Water Co WW	Depreciation
122.	2010	NC Util Cn.	W-218,SUB310	Aqua North Carolina, Inc.	Depreciation
123.	2011	OH PUC	11-4161-WS-AIR	Ohio American Water Company	Depreciation
124.	2011	MS PSC	EC-123-0082-00	Entergy Mississippi	Depreciation
125.	2011	CO PUC	11AL-387E	Black Hills Colorado	Depreciation
126.	2011	PA PUC	R-2010-2215623	Columbia Gas of Pennsylvania	Depreciation
127.	2011	PA PUC	R-2010-2179103	City of Lancaster – Bureau of Water	Depreciation
128.	2011	IN URC	43114 IGCC 4S	Duke Energy Indiana	Depreciation
129.	2011	FERC	IS11-146-000	Enbridge Pipelines (Southern Lights)	Depreciation
130.	2011	IL CC	11-0217	MidAmerican Energy Corporation	Depreciation
131.	2011	OK CC	201100087	Oklahoma Gas & Electric Company	Depreciation
132.	2011	PA PUC	2011-2232243	Pennsylvania American Water Company	Depreciation

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133.	2011	FERC	RP11000	Carolina Gas Transmission	Depreciation
134.	2012	WA UTC	UE-120436/UG-120437	Avista Corporation	Depreciation
135.	2012	AK Reg Cm	U-12-009	Chugach Electric Association	Depreciation
136.	2012	MA PUC	DPU 12-25	Columbia Gas of Massachusetts	Depreciation
137.	2012	TX PUC	40094	El Paso Electric Company	Depreciation
138.	2012	ID PUC	IPC-E-12	Idaho Power Company	Depreciation
139.	2012	PA PUC	R-2012-2290597	PPL Electric Utilities	Depreciation
140.	2012	PA PUC	R-2012-2311725	Borough of Hanover – Bureau of Water	Depreciation
141.	2012	KY PSC	2012-00222	Louisville Gas and Electric Company	Depreciation
142.	2012	KY PSC	2012-00221	Kentucky Utilities Company	Depreciation
143.	2012	PA PUC	R-2012-2285985	Peoples Natural Gas Company	Depreciation
144.	2012	DC PSC	Case 1087	Potomac Electric Power Company	Depreciation
145.	2012	OH PSC	12-1682-EL-AIR	Duke Energy Ohio (Electric)	Depreciation
146.	2012	OH PSC	12-1685-GA-AIR	Duke Energy Ohio (Gas)	Depreciation
147.	2012	PA PUC	R-2012-2310366	City of Lancaster – Sewer Fund	Depreciation
148.	2012	PA PUC	R-2012-2321748	Columbia Gas of Pennsylvania	Depreciation
149.	2012	FERC	ER-12-2681-000	ITC Holdings	Depreciation
150.	2012	MO PSC	ER-2012-0174	Kansas City Power and Light	Depreciation
151.	2012	MO PSC	ER-2012-0175	KCPL Greater Missouri Operations Company	Depreciation
152.	2012	MO PSC	GO-2012-0363	Laclede Gas Company	Depreciation
153.	2012	MN PUC	G007,001/D-12-533	Integrys – MN Energy Resource Group	Depreciation
154.	2012	TX PUC	SOAH 582-14-1051/	Aqua Texas	Depreciation
			TECQ 2013-2007-UCR		
155.	2012	PA PUC	2012-2336379	York Water Company	Depreciation
156.	2013	NJ BPU	ER12121071	PHI Service Company– Atlantic City Electric	Depreciation
157.	2013	KY PSC	2013-00167	Columbia Gas of Kentucky	Depreciation
158.	2013	VA St CC	2013-00020	Virginia Electric and Power Company	Depreciation
159.	2013	IA Util Bd	2013-0004	MidAmerican Energy Corporation	Depreciation
160.	2013	PA PUC	2013-2355276	Pennsylvania American Water Company	Depreciation
161.	2013	NY PSC	13-E-0030, 13-G-0031,	Consolidated Edison of New York	Depreciation
			13-S-0032		
162.	2013	PA PUC	2013-2355886	Peoples TWP LLC	Depreciation
163.	2013	TN Reg Auth	12-0504	Tennessee American Water	Depreciation
164.	2013	ME PUC	2013-168	Central Maine Power Company	Depreciation
165.	2013	DC PSC	Case 1103	PHI Service Company – PEPCO	Depreciation

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166.	2013	WY PSC	2003-ER-13	Cheyenne Light, Fuel and Power Company	Depreciation
167.	2013	FERC	ER13-2428-0000	Kentucky Utilities	Depreciation
168.	2013	FERC	ER130000	MidAmerican Energy Company	Depreciation
169.	2013	FERC	ER13-2410-0000	PPL Utilities	Depreciation
170.	2013	PA PUC	R-2013-2372129	Duquesne Light Company	Depreciation
171.	2013	NJ BPU	ER12111052	Jersey Central Power and Light Company	Depreciation
172.	2013	PA PUC	R-2013-2390244	Bethlehem, City of – Bureau of Water	Depreciation
173.	2013	OK CC	UM 1679	Oklahoma, Public Service Company of	Depreciation
174.	2013	IL CC	13-0500	Nicor Gas Company	Depreciation
175.	2013	WY PSC	20000-427-EA-13	PacifiCorp	Depreciation
176.	2013	UT PSC	13-035-02	PacifiCorp	Depreciation
177.	2013	OR PUC	UM 1647	PacifiCorp	Depreciation
178.	2013	PA PUC	2013-2350509	Dubois, City of	Depreciation
179.	2014	IL CC	14-0224	North Shore Gas Company	Depreciation
180.	2014	FERC	ER140000	Duquesne Light Company	Depreciation
181.	2014	SD PUC	EL14-026	Black Hills Power Company	Depreciation
182.	2014	WY PSC	20002-91-ER-14	Black Hills Power Company	Depreciation
183.	2014	PA PUC	2014-2428304	Borough of Hanover – Municipal Water Works	Depreciation
184.	2014	PA PUC	2014-2406274	Columbia Gas of Pennsylvania	Depreciation
185.	2014	IL CC	14-0225	Peoples Gas Light and Coke Company	Depreciation
186.	2014	MO PSC	ER-2014-0258	Ameren Missouri	Depreciation
187.	2014	KS CC	14-BHCG-502-RTS	Black Hills Service Company	Depreciation
188.	2014	KS CC	14-BHCG-502-RTS	Black Hills Utility Holdings	Depreciation
189.	2014	KS CC	14-BHCG-502-RTS	Black Hills Kansas Gas	Depreciation
190.	2014	PA PUC	2014-2418872	Lancaster, City of – Bureau of Water	Depreciation
191.	2014	WV PSC	14-0701-E-D	First Energy – MonPower/PotomacEdison	Depreciation
192	2014	VA St CC	PUC-2014-00045	Aqua Virginia	Depreciation
193.	2014	VA St CC	PUE-2013	Virginia American Water Company	Depreciation
194.	2014	OK CC	PUD201400229	Oklahoma Gas and Electric Company	Depreciation
195.	2014	OR PUC	UM1679	Portland General Electric	Depreciation
196.	2014	IN URC	Cause No. 44576	Indianapolis Power & Light	Depreciation
197.	2014	MA DPU	DPU. 14-150	NSTAR Gas	Depreciation
198.	2014	CT PURA	14-05-06	Connecticut Light and Power	Depreciation
199.	2014	MO PSC	ER-2014-0370	Kansas City Power & Light	Depreciation

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200.	2014	KY PSC	2014-00371	Kentucky Utilities Company	Depreciation
201.	2014	KY PSC	2014-00372	Louisville Gas and Electric Company	Depreciation
202.	2015	PA PUC	R-2015-2462723	United Water Pennsylvania Inc.	Depreciation
203.	2015	PA PUC	R-2015-2468056	NiSource - Columbia Gas of Pennsylvania	Depreciation
204.	2015	NY PSC	15-E-0283/15-G-0284	New York State Electric and Gas Corporation	Depreciation
205.	2015	NY PSC	15-E-0285/15-G-0286	Rochester Gas and Electric Corporation	Depreciation
206.	2015	MO PSC	WR-2015-0301/SR-2015-0302	Missouri American Water Company	Depreciation
207.	2015	OK CC	PUD 201500208	Oklahoma, Public Service Company of	Depreciation
208.	2015	WV PSC	15-0676-W-42T	West Virginia American Water Company	Depreciation
209.	2015	PA PUC	2015-2469275	PPL Electric Utilities	Depreciation
210.	2015	IN URC	Cause No. 44688	Northern Indiana Public Service Company	Depreciation
211.	2015	OH PSC	14-1929-EL-RDR	First Energy-Ohio Edison/Cleveland Electric/ Toledo Edison	Depreciation
212.	2015	NM PRC	15-00127-UT	El Paso Electric	Depreciation
213.	2015	TX PUC	PUC-44941; SOAH 473-15-5257	El Paso Electric	Depreciation
214.	2015	WI PSC	3270-DU-104	Madison Gas and Electric Company	Depreciation
215.	2015	OK CC	PUD 201500273	Oklahoma Gas and Electric	Depreciation
216.	2015	KY PSC	Doc. No. 2015-00418	Kentucky American Water Company	Depreciation
217.	2015	NC UC	Doc. No. G-5, Sub 565	Public Service Company of North Carolina	Depreciation
218.	2016	WA UTC	Docket UE-17	Puget Sound Energy	Depreciation
219.	2016	NY PSC	Case No. 16-W-0130	SUEZ Water New York, Inc.	Depreciation
220.	2016	MO PSC	ER-2016-0156	KCPL – Greater Missouri	Depreciation
221.	2016	WI PSC		Wisconsin Public Service Corporation	Depreciation
222.	2016	KY PSC	Case No. 2016-00026	Kentucky Utilities Company	Depreciation
223.	2016	KY PSC	Case No. 2016-00027	Louisville Gas and Electric Company	Depreciation
224.	2016	OH PUC	Case No. 16-0907-WW-AIR	Aqua Ohio	Depreciation
225.	2016	MD PSC	Case 9417	NiSource - Columbia Gas of Maryland	Depreciation
226.	2016	KY PSC	2016-00162	Columbia Gas of Kentucky	Depreciation
227.	2016	DE PSC	16-0649	Delmarva Power and Light Company – Electric	Depreciation
228.	2016	DE PSC	16-0650	Delmarva Power and Light Company – Gas	Depreciation
229.	2016	NY PSC	Case 16-G-0257	National Fuel Gas Distribution Corp – NY Div	Depreciation
230.	2016	PA PUC	R-2016-2537349	Metropolitan Edison Company	Depreciation
231.	2016	PA PUC	R-2016-2537352	Pennsylvania Electric Company	Depreciation
232.	2016	PA PUC	R-2016-2537355	Pennsylvania Power Company	Depreciation

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233.	2016	PA PUC	R-2016-2537359	West Penn Power Company	Depreciation
234.	2016	PA PUC	R-2016-2529660	NiSource - Columbia Gas of PA	Depreciation
235.	2016	KY PSC	Case No. 2016-00063	Kentucky Utilities / Louisville Gas & Electric Co	Depreciation
236.	2016	MO PSC	ER-2016-0285	KCPL Missouri	Depreciation
237.	2016	AR PSC	16-052-U	Oklahoma Gas & Electric Co	Depreciation
238.	2016	PSCW	6680-DU-104	Wisconsin Power and Light	Depreciation
239.	2016	ID PUC	IPC-E-16-23	Idaho Power Company	Depreciation
240.	2016	OR PUC	UM1801	Idaho Power Company	Depreciation
241.	2016	ILL CC	16-	MidAmerican Energy Company	Depreciation
242.	2016	KY PSC	Case No. 2016-00370	Kentucky Utilities Company	Depreciation
243.	2016	KY PSC	Case No. 2016-00371	Louisville Gas and Electric Company	Depreciation
244.	2016	IN URC	Cause No. 45029	Indianapolis Power & Light	Depreciation
245.	2016	AL RC	U-16-081	Chugach Electric Association	Depreciation
246.	2017	MA DPU	D.P.U. 17-05	NSTAR Electric Company and Western	Depreciation
				Massachusetts Electric Company	
247.	2017	TX PUC	PUC-26831, SOAH 973-17-2686	El Paso Electric Company	Depreciation
248.	2017	WA UTC	UE-17033 and UG-170034	Puget Sound Energy	Depreciation
249.	2017	OH PUC	Case No. 17-0032-EL-AIR	Duke Energy Ohio	Depreciation
250.	2017	VA SCC	Case No. PUE-2016-00413	Virginia Natural Gas, Inc.	Depreciation
251.	2017	OK CC	Case No. PUD201700151	Public Service Company of Oklahoma	Depreciation
252.	2017	MD PSC	Case No. 9447	Columbia Gas of Maryland	Depreciation
253.	2017	NC UC	Docket No. E-2, Sub 1142	Duke Energy Progress	Depreciation
254.	2017	VA SCC	Case No. PUR-2017-00090	Dominion Virginia Electric and Power Company	Depreciation
255.	2017	FERC	ER17-1162	MidAmerican Energy Company	Depreciation
256.	2017	PA PUC	R-2017-2595853	Pennsylvania American Water Company	Depreciation
257.	2017	OR PUC	UM1809	Portland General Electric	Depreciation
258.	2017	FERC	ER17-217-000	Jersey Central Power & Light	Depreciation
259.	2017	FERC	ER17-211-000	Mid-Atlantic Interstate Transmission, LLC	Depreciation
260.	2017	MN PUC	Docket No. G007/D-17-442	Minnesota Energy Resources Corporation	Depreciation
261.	2017	IL CC	Docket No. 17-0124	Northern Illinois Gas Company	Depreciation
262.	2017	OR PUC	UM1808	Northwest Natural Gas Company	Depreciation
263.	2017	NY PSC	Case No. 17-W-0528	SUEZ Water Owego-Nichols	Depreciation
264.	2017	MO PSC	GR-2017-0215	Laclede Gas Company	Depreciation
265.	2017	MO PSC	GR-2017-0216	Missouri Gas Energy	Depreciation

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266.	2017	ILL CC	Docket No. 17-0337	Illinois-American Water Company	Depreciation
267.	2017	FERC	Docket No. ER18-22-000	PPL Electric Utilities Corporation	Depreciation
268.	2017	IN URC	Cause No. 44988	Northern Indiana Public Service Company	Depreciation
269.	2017	NJ BPU	BPU Docket No. WR17090985	New Jersey American Water Company, Inc.	Depreciation
270.	2017	RI PUC	Docket No. 4800	SUEZ Water Rhode Island	Depreciation
271.	2017	OK CC	Cause No. PUD 201700496	Oklahoma Gas and Electric Company	Depreciation
272.	2017	NJ BPU	ER18010029 & GR18010030	Public Service Electric and Gas Company	Depreciation
273.	2017	NC Util Com.	Docket No. E-7, SUB 1146	Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC	Depreciation
274.	2017	KY PSC	Case No. 2017-00321	Duke Energy Kentucky, Inc.	Depreciation
275.	2017	MA DPU	D.P.U. 18-40	Berkshire Gas Company	Depreciation
276.	2018	IN IURC	Cause No. 44992	Indiana-American Water Company, Inc.	Depreciation
277.	2018	IN IURC	Cause No. 45029	Indianapolis Power and Light	Depreciation
278.	2018	NC Util Com.	Docket No. W-218, Sub 497	Aqua North Carolina, Inc.	Depreciation
279.	2018	PA PUC	Docket No. R-2018-2647577	NiSource - Columbia Gas of Pennsylvania, Inc.	Depreciation
280.	2018	OR PUC	Docket UM 1933	Avista Corporation	Depreciation
281.	2018	WA UTC	Docket No. UE-108167	Avista Corporation	Depreciation
282.	2018	ID PUC	AVU-E-18-03, AVU-G-18-02	Avista Corporation	Depreciation
283.	2018	IN URC	Cause No. 45039	Citizens Energy Group	Depreciation
284.	2018	FERC	Docket No. ER18-	Duke Energy Progress	Depreciation
285.	2018	PA PUC	Docket No. R-2018-3000124	Duquesne Light Company	Depreciation
286.	2018	MD PSC	Case No. 948	NiSource - Columbia Gas of Maryland	Depreciation
287.	2018	MA DPU	D.P.U. 18-45	NiSource - Columbia Gas of Massachusetts	Depreciation
288.	2018	OH PUC	Case No. 18-0299-GA-ALT	Vectren Energy Delivery of Ohio	Depreciation
289.	2018	PA PUC	Docket No. R-2018-3000834	SUEZ Water Pennsylvania Inc.	Depreciation
290.	2018	MD PSC	Case No. 9847	Maryland-American Water Company	Depreciation
291.	2018	PA PUC	Docket No. R-2018-3000019	The York Water Company	Depreciation
292.	2018	FERC	ER-18-2231-000	Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC	Depreciation
293.	2018	KY PSC	Case No. 2018-00261	Duke Energy Kentucky, Inc.	Depreciation
294.	2018	NJ BPU	BPU Docket No. WR18050593	SUEZ Water New Jersey	Depreciation
295.	2018	WA UTC	Docket No. UE-180778	PacifiCorp	Depreciation
296.	2018	UT PSC	Docket No. 18-035-36	PacifiCorp	Depreciation
297.	2018	OR PUC	Docket No. UM-1968	PacifiCorp	Depreciation
298.	2018	ID PUC	Case No. PAC-E-18-08	PacifiCorp	Depreciation
299.	2018	WY PSC	20000-539-EA-18	PacifiCorp	Depreciation
300.	2018	PA PUC	Docket No. R-2018-3003068	Aqua Pennsylvania, Inc.	Depreciation

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301.	2018	IL CC	Docket No. 18-1467	Aqua Illinois, Inc.	Depreciation
302.	2018	KY PSC	Case No. 2018-00294	Louisville Gas & Electric Company	Depreciation
303.	2018	KY PSC	Case No. 2018-00295	Kentucky Utilities Company	Depreciation
304.	2018	IN URC	Cause No. 45159	Northern Indiana Public Service Company	Depreciation
305.	2018	VA SCC	Case No. PUR-2019-00175	Virginia American Water Company	Depreciation
306.	2019	PA PUC	Docket No. R-2018-3006818	Peoples Natural Gas Company, LLC	Depreciation
307.	2019	OK CC	Cause No. PUD201800140	Oklahoma Gas and Electric Company	Depreciation
308.	2019	MD PSC	Case No. 9490	FirstEnergy – Potomac Edison	Depreciation
309.	2019	SC PSC	Docket No. 2018-318-E	Duke Energy Progress	Depreciation
310.	2019	SC PSC	Docket No. 2018-319-E	Duke Energy Carolinas	Depreciation
311.	2019	DE PSC	DE 19-057	Public Service of New Hampshire	Depreciation
312.	2019	NY PSC	Case No. 19-W-0168 & 19-W-0269	SUEZ Water New York	Depreciation
313.	2019	PA PUC	Docket No. R-2019-3006904	Newtown Artesian Water Company	Depreciation
314.	2019	MO PSC	ER-2019-0335	Ameren Missouri	Depreciation
315.	2019	MO PSC	EC-2019-0200	KCP&L Greater Missouri Operations Company	Depreciation
316.	2019	MN DOC	G011/D-19-377	Minnesota Energy Resource Corp.	Depreciation
317.	2019	NY PSC	Case 19-E-0378 & 19-G-0379	New York State Electric and Gas Corporation	Depreciation
318.	2019	NY PSC	Case 19-E-0380 & 19-G-0381	Rochester Gas and Electric Corporation	Depreciation
319.	2019	WA UTC	Docket UE-190529 / UG-190530	Puget Sound Energy	Depreciation
320.	2019	PA PUC	Docket No. R-2019-3010955	City of Lancaster	Depreciation
321.	2019	IURC	Cause No. 45253	Duke Energy Indiana	Depreciation
322.	2019	KY PSC	Case No. 2019-00271	Duke Energy Kentucky, Inc.	Depreciation
323.	2019	OH PUC	Case No. 18-1720-GA-AIR	Northeast Ohio Natural Gas Corp	Depreciation
324.	2019	NC Util. Com.	Docket No. E-2, Sub 1219	Duke Energy Carolinas	Depreciation
325.	2019	FERC	Docket No. ER20-277-000	Jersey Central Power & Light Company	Depreciation
326.	2019	MA DPU	D.P.U. 19-120	NSTAR Gas Company	Depreciation
327.	2019	SC PSC	Docket No. 2019-290-WS	Blue Granite Water Company	Depreciation
328.	2019	NC Util. Com.	Docket No. E-2, Sub 1219	Duke Energy Progress	Depreciation
329.	2019	MD PSC	Case No. 9609	NiSource Columbia Gas of Maryland, Inc.	Depreciation
330.	2020	NJ BPU	Docket No. ER20020146	Jersey Central Power & Light Company	Depreciation
331.	2020	PA PUC	Docket No. R-2020-3018835	NiSource - Columbia Gas of Pennsylvania, Inc.	Depreciation
332.	2020	PA PUC	Docket No. R-2020-3019369	Pennsylvania-American Water Company	Depreciation
333.	2020	PA PUC	Docket No. R-2020-3019371	Pennsylvania-American Water Company	Depreciation
334.	2020	MO PSC	GO-2018-0309, GO-2018-0310	Spire Missouri, Inc.	Depreciation
335.	2020	NM PRC	Case No. 20-00104-UT	El Paso Electric Company	Depreciation
336.	2020	MD PSC	Case No. 9644	Columbia Gas of Maryland, Inc.	Depreciation
337.	2020	MO PSC	GO-2018-0309, GO-2018-0310	Spire Missouri, Inc.	Depreciation
338.	2020	VA St CC	Case No. PUR-2020-00095	Virginia Natural Gas Company	Depreciation

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339.	2020	SC PSC	Docket No. 2020-125-E	Dominion Energy South Carolina, Inc.	Depreciation
340.	2020	WV PSC	Case No. 20-0745-G-D	Hope Gas, Inc. d/b/a Dominion Energy West Virginia	Depreciation
341.	2020	VA St CC	Case No. PUR-2020-00106	Aqua Virginia, Inc.	Depreciation
342.	2020	PA PUC	Docket No. R-2020-3020256	City of Bethlehem – Bureau of Water	Depreciation
343.	2020	NE PSC	Docket No. NG-109	Black Hills Nebraska	Depreciation
344.	2020	NY PSC	Case No. 20-E-0428 & 20-G-0429	Central Hudson Gas & Electric Corporation	Depreciation
345.	2020	FERC	ER20-598	Duke Energy Indiana	Depreciation
346.	2020	FERC	ER20-855	Northern Indiana Public Service Company	Depreciation
347.	2020	OR PSC	UE 374	Pacificorp	Depreciation
348.	2020	MD PSC	Case No. 9490 Phase II	Potomac Edison – Maryland	Depreciation
349.	2020	IN URC	Case No. 45447	Southern Indiana Gas and Electric Company	Depreciation
350.	2020	IN URC	IURC Cause No. 45468	Indiana Gas Company, Inc. d/b/a Vectren Energy Delivery of	Depreciation
351.	2020	KY PSC	Case No. 2020-00349	Kentucky Utilities Company	Depreciation
352.	2020	KY PSC	Case No. 2020-00350	Louisville Gas and Electric Company	Depreciation
353.	2020	FERC	Docket No. ER21- 000	South FirstEnergy Operating Companies	Depreciation
354.	2020	OH PUC	Case Nos 20-1651-EL-AIR, 20-1652-	Dayton Power and Light Company	Depreciation
			EL-AAM & 20-1653-EL-ATA		
355.	2020	OR PSC	UG 388	Northwest Natural Gas Company	Depreciation
356.	2020	MO PSC	Case No. GR-2021-0241	Ameren Missouri Gas	Depreciation
357.	2021	KY PSC	Case No. 2021-00103	East Kentucky Power Cooperative	Depreciation
358.	2021	MPUC	Docket No. 2021-00024	Bangor Natural Gas	Depreciation
359.	2021	PA PUC	Docket No. R-2021-3024296	Columbia Gas of Pennsylvania, Inc.	Depreciation
360.	2021	NC Util. Com.	Doc. No. G-5, Sub 632	Public Service of North Carolina	Depreciation
361.	2021	MO PSC	ER-2021-0240	Ameren Missouri	Depreciation
362.	2021	PA PUC	Docket No. R-2021-3024750	Duquesne Light Company	Depreciation
363.	2021	KS PSC	21-BHCG-418-RTS	Black Hills Kansas Gas	Depreciation
364.	2021	KY PSC	Case No. 2021-00190	Duke Energy Kentucky	Depreciation
365.	2021	OR PSC	Docket UM 2152	Portland General Electric	Depreciation
366.	2021	ILL CC	Docket No. 20-0810	North Shore Gas Company	Depreciation
367.	2021	FERC	ER21-1939-000	Duke Energy Progress	Depreciation
368.	2021	FERC	ER21-1940-000	Duke Energy Carolina	Depreciation
369.	2021	KY PSC	Case No. 2021-00183	NiSource Columbia Gas of Kentucky	Depreciation
370.	2021	MD PSC	Case No. 9664	NiSource Columbia Gas of Maryland	Depreciation
371.	2021	OH PUC	Case No. 21-0596-ST-AIR	Aqua Ohio	Depreciation
372.	2021	PA PUC	Docket No. R-2021-3026116	Hanover Borough Municipal Water Works	Depreciation
373.	2021	OR PSC	UM-2180	Idaho Power Company	Depreciation
374.	2021	ID PUC	Case No. IPC-E-21-18	Idaho Power Company	Depreciation
375.	2021	WPSC	6690-DU-104	Wisconsin Public Service Company	Depreciation

376. 377.	<u>Year</u> 2021 2021	Jurisdiction PAPUC OH PUC	Docket No. Docket No. R-2021-3026116 Case No. 21-637-GA-AIR; Case No. 21-638-GA-ALT; Case No. 21-639-GA-UNC; Case No. 21-640-GA-AAM	Client Utility Borough of Hanover NiSource Columbia Gas of Ohio	Subject Depreciation Depreciation
378.	2021	TX PUC	Texas PUC Docket No. 52195; SOHA Docket No. 473-21-2606	El Paso Electric	Depreciation
379. 380. 381. 382. 383. 384. 385.	2021 2021 2021 2021 2021 2021 2021	MO PSC WV PSC FERC FERC IN URC PA PUC OH PUC	Case No. GR.2021-0108 Case No. 21-0215-WS-P ER21-2736 ER21-2737 Cause #45621 Docket No. R-2021-3026682 Case No. 21-887-EL-AIR; Case No. 889-El-AAM	Spire Missouri West Virginia American Water Company Duke Energy Carolinas Duke Energy Progress Northern Indiana Public Service Company City of Lancaster Duke Energy Ohio	Depreciation Depreciation Depreciation Depreciation Depreciation Depreciation Depreciation
386. 387. 388. 389. 390.	2021 2021 2021 2021 2021	AK PSC OK CC FERC FERC PA PUC	Docket No. 21-097-U Cause No. PUD202100164 Case ER-22-392-001 Case ER-21-XXX Docket Nos. R-2021-3027385, R-2021-3027386	Black Hills Energy Arkansas, Inc. Oklahoma Gas & Electric El Paso Electric MidAmerican Electric Aqua Pennsylvania, Inc. Aqua Pennsylvania Wastewater, Inc.	Depreciation Depreciation Depreciation Depreciation Depreciation
391. 392. 393. 394. 395. 396. 397. 398. 399. 400. 401. 402.	2022 2022 2022 2022 2022 2022 2022 202	FERC ILL CC MO PSC MO PSC PA PUC MA DPU PA PUC SD PUC MD PSC WYPSC MA DPU NC Util Com	Case ER-22-282-000 Docket No. 22-0154 Case No. ER-2022-0129 Case No. ER-2022-0130 Docket No. R-2022-3031211 D.P.U. 22-20 R-2022-3031672; R-2022-3031673 Docket No. NG22- Case No. 9680 Docket No. 20003-214-ER-22 D.P.U. 22.22 Docket No. W-218, Sub 573	El Paso Electric MidAmerican Gas Evergy Metro Evergy Missouri West NiSource Columbia Gas of Pennsylvania, Inc. The Berkshire Gas Company Pennsylvania-American Water Company MidAmerican Gas NiSource Columbia Gas of Maryland Black Hills Energy — Cheyenne Light, Fuel and Power Company NSTAR Electric Company d/b/a Eversource Energy Aqua North Carolina, Inc.	Depreciation

WITNESS QUALIFICATIONS STATEMENT

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Master of Science, Applied Economics

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Certified Rate of Return Analyst in 2002

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Industry

EXPERIENCE: January 11, 1999 - Present

Public Utility Commission of Oregon

I have been employed by the Public Utility Commission of Oregon (Commission or OPUC) for 23 years. My roles include:

Expert Witness, Case Manager, Principal Analyst, Econometrician, Economist, Utility Analyst, and Policy Analyst:

I have testified in various formal state hearings and performed numerous analyses including economic, financial, statistical, mathematical, marketing, and policy analyses in the public utility industry.

Principal Analyst and Case Manager, Settlement Lead/Negotiator for Depreciation Ratemaking:

I have served as a Principal Analyst and Case Manager for the determination of Energy Property Depreciation Rates (ORS 757.140) for the past 14 years. In this role, I've had a strong focus on Depreciation Rate Determination (fixed cost allocation, and capital recovery). I was also a Principal Analyst and Case Manager for the determination of Energy Property Depreciation Rates (ORS 757.140) during this time period.

In this position, I investigated, analyzed, and calculated energy asset retirement cost and impact—as well as power plant decommissioning cost and impact—on customer rates. I reviewed, calculated, and analyzed fixed asset depreciation and proposed depreciation parameters for FERC accounts on Generation, Transmission, Distribution, General, and Coal Mining Plants. The energy sources I have worked on are Steam/Coal, Hydraulic, Natural Gas, Wind, Solar, and Geothermal.

My analyses of "Power-Plant-Shutdown" activities (accelerated plant retirement, and decommissioning cost recovery) include the following cases:

- PGE closes Boardman Coal-fired plant (UM 1679 & UE 215).
- 2. PacifiCorp closes Carbon Coal Plant in Utah (UE 246).
- Multi-state PacifiCorp Klamath Hydro Dam Removal Cost recovery for (1) J. C. Boyle Dam, (2) Copco 1 Dam, (3) Copco 2 Dam, and (4) Iron Gate Dam removal under the ORS 757.734 – Recovery of investment in Klamath River dams in OPUC UE 219.
- 4. Idaho Power Valmy Coal-Fired power plant shutdown (UE 316).
- 5. PGE Colstrip Coal-Fired power plant shutdown (UM 1809).

I conduct case investigations and analyses on Utility's filings, make rate adjustments, lead settlement negotiation, prepare testimony, and appear on behalf of the Commission. The energy companies I work with are: (1) PacifiCorp (serves six states), (2) Portland General Electric (PGE), (3) Northwest Natural Gas (NWN), (4) Idaho Power, (5) Avista Corp (Washington), and (6) Cascade Gas (CNG, Montana).

Lead Analyst and Case Manager on Financial Dockets:

Prior to my current position, I was a Lead Analyst and Case Manager for cost of debt capital for nine years. I reviewed market risks, derivatives and hedging, debt issuance, and stock flotation. My analysis directly informed utility and energy policy.

I advised the Commission on over 60 financial dockets. The Commission incorporated all of my recommendations into final orders.

I was certified by the Society of Utility and Regulatory Financial Analysts as a Certified Rate of Return Analyst in 2002.

Public Utility & Policy Analyst:

<u>Rulemaking</u>: I have formulated energy regulation rules for utility performance incentives and cost-of-service regulation.

Energy Utility Merger & Acquisition: I have testified in formal state hearings involving utility mergers and acquisitions. I conducted Acquisition Premiums and Credit Risk Analysis, and I testified on behalf of the Commission in MidAmerican Energy Company's application to purchase PacifiCorp. I also reviewed Scottish Power's earlier purchase of PacifiCorp and PGE's emergence from Enron after the Enron bankruptcy.

Integrated Resource Planning (IRP, Least Cost Planning): I provided comments to the Commission for decision making on Boardman to Hemingway (B2H), a 500-kV transmission power line, which included a cost and benefit list, a pros and cons list, alternatives, and the relevant legal risks. I also provided comments on utility's IRPs, such as total cost for power generation, power capacity (MW) replacement cost, avoided cost for free fuel, and emission trading cost.

<u>Clean Energy – Dollar Impact on Customer Rates</u>: I analyzed and calculated the rate impact and comparative advantage of clean energy. I built the portfolio optimization models to analyze the coal-fired generating capacity replacement.

General Rate Cases: I have been a part of almost every energy rate case since I joined the OPUC on January 11, 1999. Historically, my review included fuel price forecasting, property sales, load forecasting, weather normalizations, cost of debt,

and capital structures. Currently, my reviews are focused on depreciation and reserve, and AFUDC Capitalization Policy.

<u>Survey Sampling Design:</u> Results of my statistical sampling design and sampling procedures are incorporated into my revenue requirement testimony in Commission Docket No. UM 1288.

<u>Auditing, Interest Rate, Late Payment</u>: I audited cost of capital and financial components. My survey report and analyses are published annually for Oregon (UM 779).

<u>Survey for Market Competition & Economic Policy</u>: I conducted and wrote the report on Telecommunications, "Market Competition and Economic Policy Survey Analysis" for House Bill 2577. This report has been published on the OPUC website annually for 15 years.

Mentor in the International Confederation of Energy Regulators: I was selected to act as a mentor in the ICER (International Confederation of Energy Regulators) Women in Energy (ICER WIE) pilot mentoring program. My "Mentoring Topics" focus on Incentive Regulation; Rate and Economic Impacts of "Cost-of-Service" regulation in the U.S.; "Price-Cap Performance Based Regulation" in Europe; Cost of Capital, Energy Demand, and Price Forecasting Modeling; Least Cost Planning; Regulatory Policy; and Renewable Energy issues within regulated rate structures.



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ABOUT

MW Analytics is the professional consulting practice of Brad Mullins, a consultant and expert witness that represents utility customers in regulatory proceedings before state utility commissions throughout the Western United States. Brad has sponsored expert witness testimony in over 90 regulatory proceeding encompassing a variety of subject matters, including revenue requirement, regulatory accounting, rate development, and new resource additions. Brad has also assisted his clients through informal regulatory, legislative and energy policy matters. In addition to providing regulatory services, MW Analytics also provides advisory, energy marketing and other energy consulting services.

PRACTICE AREAS

MW Analytics has experience representing customer interests in litigated and informal regulatory proceedings, including the following subject areas:

- Revenue Requirement
- Power Cost Modeling
- Tax Provisions and Tax Reform
- Capital Additions and Forecasting
- Regulatory Accounting

- Depreciation Studies
- Pole Attachments
- Integrated Resource Planning
- Avoided Cost Calculations
- Utility Plant Retirements

EDUCATION AND WORK EXPERIENCE

Brad has a Master of Accounting degree from the University of Utah. After obtaining his master's degree, Brad worked at Deloitte Tax in San Jose, California, where he was responsible for preparing corporate tax returns for multinational corporate clients and partnership returns for hedge fund clients. Brad was later promoted to a Tax Senior position in a national tax practice specializing research and development tax credit studies. Following Deloitte, Brad worked at PacifiCorp Energy, as an analyst involved in power cost modeling and forecasting. At PacifiCorp Brad was responsible for preparing power cost forecasts and supporting testimony for regulatory filings, preparing annual power cost deferral filings, and developing qualifying facility avoided cost calculations.

REGULATORY APPEARANCES

Brad has sponsored expert witness testimony in the following regulatory proceedings:

Docket	Party	Topics
In re PacifiCorp d.b.a Pacific Power, 2023 Transition Adjustment Mechanism,	Alliance of Western Energy Consumers	Revenue Requirement
Or.PUC UE 399.	Alliance of Western	Single-Issue Rate Filing
In re the Joint Application of Nevada Power Company d/b/a NV Energy and Sierra Pacific Power Company d/b/a NV Energy for approval of the cost recovery of the	Energy Consumers	Single-Issue Rate Filling
regulatory assets relating to the development and implementation of their Joint		
Natural Disaster Protection Plan., PUC NV. Docket No. 22-03006.		
In re PacifiCorp d.b.a. Pacific Power, 2023 Transition Adjustment Mechanism, Or.PUC Docket No. UE 399.	Alliance of Western Energy Consumers	Power Cost Modeling

Docket	Party	Topics
In re Cascade Natural Gas Corporation, Request for a General Rate Revision, Wa.UTC Docket No. UG-210755	Alliance of Western Energy Consumers	Revenue Requirement / Cost of Service
In re Northwest Natural Gas Company, dba NW Natural, Request for A General Rate Revision, Or.PUC. Docket No. UG 435	Alliance of Western Energy Consumers	Revenue Requirement / Cost of Service
In re Formal Complaint of Tree Top Inc. against Cascade Natural Gas Corporation, Wa.UTC Docket No. UG-210745	Tree Top, Inc.	Overrun Entitlement
In re Northwest Natural Gas Company, dba NW Natural, Request for Approval of an Affiliated Interest Agreement with Lexington Renewables, LLC, Or.PUC. Docket No. UI 451.	Alliance of Western Energy Consumers	Affiliated Interest
In re Avista Corporation, Request for a General Rate Revision, Or.PUC Docket No. UG 433	Alliance of Western Energy Consumers	Revenue Requirement / Cost of Service
In re PacifiCorp Power Cost Only Rate Case, Wa.UTC Docket No. UE-210402.	Alliance of Western Energy Consumers	Power Cost Modeling
In re PacifiCorp Limited Issue Rate Filing, Wa.UTC Docket No. UE-210532.	Alliance of Western Energy Consumers	Revenue Requirement / Settlement
In re the Application of Rocky Mountain Power for Authority to Increase Its Rates and Charges in Idaho and Approval of Proposed Electric Service Schedules and Regulations, Id.PUC Case No. PAC-E-21-07.	PacifiCorp Idaho Industrial Customers	Revenue Requirement / Settlement
In re Portland General Electric, Request for a General Rate Revision, Or.PUC Docket No. UE 394.	Alliance of Western Energy Consumers	Power Cost Modeling
In re Joint Application of Nevada Power Company d/b/a NV Energy and Sierra Pacific Power Company d/b/a NV Energy for approval of their Economic Recovery Transportation Electrification Plan for the period 2022-2024, PUC Nv. Docket No. 21-09004	Nevada Resort Association	Transportation Electrification
In re PacifiCorp, dba Pacific Power, 2020 Power Cost Adjustment Mechanism, Or.PUC Docket No. UE 392.	Alliance of Western Energy Consumers	Power Cost Deferral
In re the Application of Rocky Mountain Power for Authority to Decrease Current Rates by \$14.9 Million to Refund Deferred Net Power Costs Under Tariff Schedule 95 Energy Cost Adjustment Mechanism and to Decrease Current Rates by \$166 Thousand Under Tariff Schedule 93, REC and SO2 Revenue Adjustment Mechanism, Wy.PSC Docket No. 20000-599-EM-21.	Wyoming Industrial Energy Consumers	Power Cost Deferral
In re Portland General Electric 2021 Annual Update Tariff Schedule 125, Or. PUC Docket No. UE 391.	Alliance of Western Energy Consumers	Power Cost Modeling
In re Joint Application of Nevada Power Company d/b/a NV Energy and Sierra Pacific Power Company d/b/a NV Energy for approval of a regulatory asset account to recover costs relating to the development and implementation of their Joint Natural Disaster Protection Plan, PUC NV. Docket No. 21-03004.	Wynn Las Vegas, LLC; Smart Energy Alliance	Single-Issue Rate Filing
In re PacifiCorp d.b.a. Pacific Power, 2022 Transition Adjustment Mechanism, Or.PUC Docket No. UE 390.	Alliance of Western Energy Consumers	Power Cost Modeling
In re Avista 2020 General Rate Case, Wa.U.T.C. Docket No. UE-200900 (Cons.).	Alliance of Western Energy Consumers	Revenue Requirement
In re NV Energy's Fourth Amendment to Its 2018 Joint Integrated Resource Plan, PUC Nv. Docket No 20-07023.	Wynn Las Vegas, LLC; Smart Energy Alliance	Transmission Planning
In Re Cascade Natural Gas Corporation, 2020 General Rate Case, Wa.U.T.C. Docket No. UG-200568	Alliance of Western Energy Consumers	Revenue Requirement
	Alliance of Western	Depreciation Rates



Docket	Party	Topics
In re the Application of Rocky Mountain Power for Authority to Increase Current Rates By \$7.4 Million to Recover Deferred Net Power Costs Under Tariff Schedule 95 Energy Cost Adjustment Mechanism and to Decrease Current Rates by \$604 Thousand Under Tariff Schedule 93, Rec and So2 Revenue Adjustment Mechanism, Wy.PSC Docket No. 20000-582-EM-20	Wyoming Industrial Energy Consumers	Power Cost Deferral
In re the Complaint of Willamette Falls Paper Company and West Linn Paper Company against Portland General Electric Company, Or.PUC Docket No. UM 2107	Willamette Falls Paper Company	Consumer Direct Access, Tariff Dispute
In re The Application of Rocky Mountain Power for Authority to Increase its Retail Electric Service Rates by Approximately \$7.1 Million Per Year or 1.1 Percent, to Revise the Energy Cost Adjustment Mechanism, and to Discontinue Operations at Cholla Unit 4, Wy.PSC Docket No. 2000-578-ER-20	Wyoming Industrial Energy Consumers	Power Cost Modeling
Avista Corporation 2021 General Rate Case, Or.PUC Docket No. UG 389	Alliance of Western Energy Consumers	Revenue Requirement, Rate Design
In re NW Natural Request for a General Rate Revision, Or.PUC Docket No. UG 388.	Alliance of Western Energy Consumers	Revenue Requirement, Rate Design
In re PacifiCorp, Request to Initiate an Investigation of Multi-Jurisdictional Issues and Approve an Inter-Jurisdictional Cost Allocation Protocol, Or.PUC, UM 1050.	Alliance of Western Energy Consumers	Jurisdictional Allocation
In re Puget Sound Energy 2019 General Rate Case, Wa.UTC Docket No. UE 190529.	Alliance of Western Energy Consumers	Revenue Requirement, Coal Retirement Costs
<u>Avista Corporation 2020 General Rate Case.</u> Wa.UTC Docket No. UE-190334 (Cons.)	Alliance of Western Energy Consumers	Revenue Requirement, Rate Design
In re Cascade Natural Gas Corporation Application for Approval of a Safety Cost Recovery Mechanism, Or. PUC Docket No. UM 2026.	Alliance of Western Energy Consumers	Ratemaking Policy
In re Avista Corporation, Request for a General Rate Revision, Or.PUC Docket No. UG 366.	Alliance of Western Energy Consumers	Revenue Requirement, Rate Design
In re Portland General Electric, 2020 Annual Update Tariff (Schedule 125), Or.PUC Docket No UE 359.	Alliance of Western Energy Consumers	Power Cost Modeling
In re PacifiCorp 2020 Transition Adjustment Mechanism, Or.PUC Docket No. UE 356.	Alliance of Western Energy Consumers	Power Cost Modeling
In re PacifiCorp 2020 Renewable Adjustment Clause, Or.PUC Docket No. UE 352.	Alliance of Western Energy Consumers	Single-Issue Rate Filing
<u>2020 Joint Power and Transmission Rate Proceeding.</u> Bonneville Power Administration, Case No. BP-20.	Alliance of Western Energy Consumers	Revenue Requirement, Policy
In the Matter of the Application of MSG Las Vegas, LLC for a Proposed Transaction with a Provider of New Electric Resources, PUC Nv. Docket No. 18- 10034	Madison Square Garden	Customer Direct Access
Puget Sound Energy 2018 Expedited Rate Filing, Wa.UTC Dockets UE-180899/UG-180900 (Cons.).	Alliance of Western Energy Consumers	Revenue Requirement, Settlement
Georgia Pacific Gypsum LLC's Application to Purchase Energy, Capacity, and/or Ancillary Services from a Provider of New Electric Resources, PUC Nv. Docket No. 18-09015.	Georgia Pacific	Customer Direct Access
Joint Application of Nevada Power Company d/b/a NV Energy for approval of their 2018-2038 Triennial Integrated Resource Plan and 2019-2021 Energy Supply Plan, PUCN Docket No. 18-06003.	Smart Energy Alliance	Resource Planning
In re Cascade Natural Gas Corporation Request for a General Rate Revision, Or.PUC, Docket No. UE 347.	Alliance of Western Energy Consumers	Revenue Requirement, Rate Design
In re Portland General Electric Company Request for a General Rate Revision, Or.PUC Docket No UE 335.	Alliance of Western Energy Consumers	Revenue Requirement, Rate Design



Docket	Party	Topics
In re Northwest Natural Gas Company, dba NW Natural, Request for a General Rate Revision, Or.PUC Docket No. UG 344.	Alliance of Western Energy Consumers	Revenue Requirement, Rate Design
In re Cascade Natural Gas Corporation Request for a General Rate Revision, Wa.UTC, Docket No. UE-170929.	Northwest Industrial Gas Users	Revenue Requirement, Rate Design
In the Matter of Hydro One Limited, Application for Authorization to Exercise Substantial Influence over the Policies and Actions of Avista Corporation, Or.PUC, Docket No. UM 1897.	Alliance of Western Energy Consumers	Merger
Application of Rocky Mountain Power for Approval of a Significant Energy Resource Decision and Voluntary Request for Approval of Resource Decision, Ut.PSC Docket No. 17-035-40	Utah Industrial Energy Consumers, & Utah Associated Energy Users	New Resource Addition
In re PacifiCorp, dba Rocky Mountain Power, for a CPCN and Binding Ratemaking Treatment for New Wind and Transmission Facilities, Id.PUC Case No. PAC-E-17-07	PacifiCorp Idaho Industrial Customers	New Resource Addition
In re PacifiCorp, dba Pacific Power, 2016 Power Cost Adjustment Mechanism, Or.PUC, Docket No. UE 327.	Alliance of Western Energy Consumers	Power Cost Deferral
In re PacifiCorp 2016 Power Cost Adjustment Mechanism, Wa.UTC Docket No. UE-170717	Boise Whitepaper, LLC	Power Cost Deferral
In re Avista Corporation 2018 General Rate Case, Wa.UTC Dockets UE-170485 and UG-170486 (Consolidated).	Industrial Customers of Northwest Utilities, & Northwest Industrial Gas Users	Revenue Requirement, Rate Design
Application of Nevada Power Company d/b/a NV Energy for authority to adjust its	Smart Energy Alliance	Revenue Requirement
annual revenue requirement for general rates charged to all classes of electric customers and for relief properly related thereto, PUCN. Docket No. 17-06003.		
In re the Application of Rocky Mountain Power for Authority to Decrease Current Rates by \$15.7 Million to Refund Deferred Net Power Costs Under Tariff Schedule 95 Energy Cost Adjustment Mechanism and to Decrease Current Rates By \$528 Thousand Under Tariff Schedule 93, REC and SO2 Revenue Adjustment Mechanism, Wy. PSC, Docket No. 20000-514-EA-17 (Record No. 14696).	Wyoming Industrial Energy Consumers	Power Cost Deferral
In re the 2018 General Rate Case of Puget Sound Energy, Wa.UTC, Docket No. UE-170033 (Cons.).	Industrial Customers of Northwest Utilities, & Northwest Industrial Gas Users	Revenue Requirement, Rate Design
In re PacifiCorp, dba Pacific Power, 2018 Transition Adjustment Mechanism, Or.PUC, Docket No. UE 323.	Industrial Customers of Northwest Utilities	Power Cost Modeling
In re Portland General Electric Company, Request for a General Rate Revision, Or.PUC, Docket No. UE 319.	Industrial Customers of Northwest Utilities	Revenue Requirement, Rate Design
In re Portland General Electric Company, Application for Transportation Electrification Programs, Or.PUC, UM 1811.	Industrial Customers of Northwest Utilities	Electric Vehicle Charging
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