

2014 PNCA Rate Proceeding

Qualification Statement

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1 QUALIFICATION STATEMENT OF

2 ROBERT J. DIFFELY

3 Witness for Bonneville Power Administration

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

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

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

8 A. I am an Economist in the Regional Coordination Group in Power Services.

9 *Q. Please state your educational background.*

10 A. I received a Master of Economics degree in 1992 from Portland State University. My
11 undergraduate degree is a Bachelor of Science degree in Economics from the University
12 of Oregon in 1989.

13 *Q. Please summarize your professional experience.*

14 A. I started working for BPA in 1989 as an environmental specialist and was tasked with
15 completing environmental reviews for new energy projects. I have also worked as an
16 economist in the BPA sales hub forecasting load and preparing various types of
17 economic analysis (i.e., low density discount, new large single loads, industrial load
18 forecasts). In 2004, I started as an economist in the Regional coordination group and
19 serve in lead roles in planning studies functions such as the assured operating plans
20 under the Columbia River Treaty, the Regional Resource Adequacy Advisory
21 Committee, and various other internal planning processes. Since 2007 I have worked in
22 the Regional coordination group, where I have served as the BPA representative for the
23 Pacific Northwest Coordination Agreement (PNCA). In that role I prepare and approve

1 BPA's February 1st data submittal and coordinate the preparation of headwater benefits
2 under PNCA, approve annual budgets for the service contract with the Northwest Power
3 Pool, and am also the agency point of contact for requests of Interchange Energy under
4 the PNCA.

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

6 *A. I have not served as a witness in previous proceedings.*

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