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Witness for Powerex Corp.

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

2 A: My name is Carol C. Opatrny. I am President of Opatrny Consulting, Inc. My
3 business address is 18509 NE Cedar Drive, Battle Ground, Washington 98604.

4 **Q: Please summarize your educational background.**

5 A: I graduated from the Claremont Colleges in 1978 with a Bachelor of Science,
6 Economics (Claremont McKenna College) and a Bachelor of Arts, Psychology
7 (Scripps College).

8 **Q: Please summarize your professional experience.**

9 A: From 1980 until 1989, I was employed as an engineering economist by the City
10 of Seattle, Lighting Department. In that capacity, I developed the utility's forecast
11 of BPA's wholesale power rates; negotiated long-term power sales contracts;
12 participated on the settlement team for the Washington Public Power Supply
13 System litigation; and appeared on behalf of the Public Generating Pool and the

1 Northwest Parties on various wholesale power and transmission rates issues
2 before BPA, the FERC and, the US Senate Committee on Insular Affairs.

3 In 1989, I joined the consulting firm of Merrill Schultz & Associates, where
4 I continued working with the Public Generating Pool on rate-related and
5 operational issues. During this time, I was also involved in concentrated studies
6 that led to presenting damages testimony before the Superior Court of Seattle,
7 Washington; acting in the capacity of an industry advocate on the National
8 Marine Fisheries Service Endangered Species Act Economic Technical
9 Committee; evaluating non-federal financing alternatives for the Bonneville
10 Power Administration (“BPA”); and evaluating financing alternatives for Canadian
11 Entitlement downstream benefits obligations on behalf of the Mid-Columbia
12 Participants.

13 In 1994, I consulted as a sole proprietor and then, in 1995, joined the
14 Reed Consulting Group as Managing Consultant. During this time, I worked on
15 various corporate and functional restructuring projects for utilities in the US and
16 Canada, on both the east and west coasts of North America. In 1996, I
17 presented expert testimony on behalf of Powerex Corp. in the BPA wholesale
18 power and transmission rate proceeding.

19 Later in 1996, after returning to the Pacific Northwest, I incorporated as
20 Opatrny Consulting, Inc. Since that time, I have continued to provide consulting
21 services to Powerex Corp., as well as to other entities throughout the Western
22 Interconnection.

1 Since 2002, I have prepared expert statements, been deposed and
2 presented testimony before the US District Court Western District of Washington
3 at Tacoma, the Superior Court of the State of Washington for King County, the
4 US District Court for the District of Idaho, the US Direct Court for the State of
5 Oregon, and the US Court of Federal Claims. I have also presented expert
6 testimony on behalf of Powerex Corp. and represented Powerex Corp. in
7 settlement efforts in all BPA wholesale power and transmission rate proceedings
8 since 1996.

9 I have co-authored two articles: "Market Power Mitigation and Energy-
10 Limited Resources" (March 2003) and, "Power System Balancing Authority
11 Innovation" (July 2011).