

**UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY
BEFORE THE
BONNEVILLE POWER ADMINISTRATION**

**Oversupply Management Protocol
Rate Proceeding**

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BPA Docket No. OS-14

QUALIFICATION STATEMENT OF

KURT CONGER

Witness for Public Power Council

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

A: My name is Kurt Conger. I am employed by the Northern Wasco County
People's Utility District, 2345 River Road, The Dalles, OR 97058 ("NWCPUD").

Q: In what capacity are you employed?

A: I am the Director of Power Supply, Transmission and Regulatory Policy.

Q: Please describe your educational background.

A: I was graduated from Colorado State University, in Fort Collins, with a bachelor's
degree in Engineering Science.

Q: Please summarize your professional background.

A: After graduation from CSU in 1982, I joined the Peace Corps and was assigned to
the Ministry of Energy in Fiji as a Rural Energy Projects Engineer responsible for
rural electrification and promotion of appropriate technologies for energy
development in rural areas in the South Pacific. I returned to the United States in
1984 and took a position as an Electrical Engineer at the Federal Energy
Regulatory Commission in the Department of Electric Power Investigations. I

1 provided expert witness analysis and testimony on a variety of cost-of-service and
2 nuclear prudence cases, and developed the first FERC Electric Cost of Service
3 program running on personal computers.

4 In 1990, I was hired by the American Public Power Association, in
5 Washington, DC, as an engineer, manager of the Engineering and Operations
6 Section of APPA, and ultimately Director of Policy Analysis. In that role, I
7 testified on FERC policy – in particular open access transmission leading up to
8 Order 888 and 889, served as the first APPA representative on the NERC
9 Operating and Planning committees, and managed the E&O Section and R&D
10 program activities. During the mid-1990s, I worked with APPA member utilities
11 through the DEED R&D program to promote use of the PowerWorld Simulator
12 for power system analysis, and have participated in numerous transmission
13 modeling courses, workshops and projects.

14 In 1998, my family relocated to the Northwest and I started a consulting
15 firm that worked with utilities, customers and other clients on matters related to
16 power system analysis, planning and policy development. Over a 12-year period,
17 my firm represented Seattle City Light during the WICF process that transformed
18 WSCC into WECC, prepared a transmission and distribution planning framework
19 document and open access transmission tariff for the City of Seattle. One of
20 many other consulting assignments for Seattle City Light included work with the
21 Balancing Authority staff to establish the dynamic transfer of a renewable
22 resource from the BPA BA to the SCL BA. My firm also provided support to the
23 Grid West collaboration group, power supply planning services for Northern

1 Wasco County PUD, and I worked with independent power producers on
2 redispatch methods for a BPA congestion management pilot.

3 In January 2010, I was employed by the City of Seattle as a power
4 marketer; however, the job was not limited to deal origination. Responsibilities
5 included: forward power and transmission purchase and sale contract origination;
6 analysis of energy, capacity and transmission positions from the real-time horizon
7 through two-years forward; development of trading and risk management control
8 systems; assistance in resolving balancing area concerns; transmission system
9 PowerWorld Simulator modeling; and reviewing integrated resource planning
10 activities that affect long-term resource positions.

11 *Q: Please describe your scope of work at NWCPUD.*

12 *A:* In February 2012 I accepted my current position with NWCPUD where I provide
13 direction to staff on power supply matters including BPA power and transmission
14 contracts, and hydroelectric power plants owned and operated by NWCPUD. I
15 routinely address details associated with Regional Dialog contract
16 implementation, BPA transmission contracts for both NT and PTP service, and
17 conduct forward planning activities. In early 2013, I worked closely with staff on
18 a cost of service analysis and rate change proposal, and continue to perform
19 similar tasks that ensure NWCPUD has a secure financial position. I also take a
20 lead role in new resource acquisition and development activities. In matters of
21 regulatory policy that affect NWPCUD, I provide advice to the staff and
22 governing board, and prepare formal comments to State, Regional and Federal
23 agencies expressing our concerns and/or commendations.

1 *Q:* *Have you testified in a BPA rate proceeding before?*

2 A: No.

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that I have served the foregoing qualification statement on Bonneville Power Administration's Office of General Counsel and Hearing Clerk and all litigants in this proceeding by uploading the document to the 2014 Oversupply Management Protocol Rate Proceeding (OS-14) secure website pursuant to OS-14-HOO-02.

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