

**APPENDIX B: QUALIFICATION OF PERSONS TO RECEIVE
HIGHLY CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION
DOCKET NO. UE 416**

I. Consent to Be Bound—Persons Qualified pursuant to Paragraph 13: Highly Confidential Information

I have read the Modified Protective Order and agree to be bound by the terms in the order. I understand that ORS 756.990(2) allows the Commission to impose monetary sanctions if a party subject to the jurisdiction of the Commission violates an order of the Commission. I certify that:

- (a) I am an employee of the Oregon Citizens Utility Board, and have a legitimate and non-competitive need for the Highly Confidential Information and not simply a general interest in the information; **or**
- (b) I am not an employee of the Oregon Citizens Utility Board and PGE, and I am qualified to receive Highly Confidential Information; **or**
- (c) I am not an employee of the Oregon Citizens Utility Board, and PGE has not objected to allowing my qualification to receive Highly Confidential Information, or the ALJ has issued a ruling granting my access to receive Highly Confidential Information.

I provide the following information.

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Mr. Young has extensive experience in economic, regulatory and financial and information technology consulting for the utility industry. Mr. Young advises several Pacific Island Electric utilities on diesel and solar generation, integrated resource planning, cost of service and rate design, and fuel adjustment clause design. He served recently as Staff of the Guam Public Utility Commission on water and wastewater regulation.

As part of the Glarus Group Team, Mr. Young used the AURORAxmp electric market forecasting and resource planning model to estimate the benefits of increased power sales between the Mountain West Transmission Group (MWTG) and the Southwest Power Pool (SPP).

Mr. Young worked as part of the Modern Grid Solutions team which advised Puget Sound Energy on the redesign of the distribution grid in preparation for high penetration of distributed energy resources such as roof-top solar, electric vehicles, and energy storage. Projects included development of ADMS business case, integration of distribution planning into an integrated resource plan, prepared a feeder level forecasting whitepaper, distributed energy resource (DER) vision and strategy and preparation of IRP chapter in integration of distribution planning,

He served recently as Staff of the Guam Public Utility Commission on water and wastewater regulation. Prepared expert testimony in regulatory proceedings filed by Guam Waterworks Authority, Guam Public Utility Commission Docket 19-08, Phase 1 and Phase 2.

Mr. Young serves on the Advisory Board of Digital Iron Network, a startup that plans to build a global network of Nvidia DGX-H100 supercomputers.

Mr. Young worked with Intel on a high-performance computing initiative to improve the performance of computer models used to prepare Integrated Resource Plans. He consulted with electric utilities concerning entry into the telecommunications business and developed a fiber optic strategy for Bonneville Power Administration. In addition, he developed a financial model of the fiber program for BPA and provided litigation support for a dispute with a telecom company that leased some of BPA's fiber.

Mr. Young has provided expert testimony on cost allocation and rate design before the Oregon Public Utility Commission, the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission (WUTC), Guam Public Utilities Commission, Commonwealth Public Utilities Commission of the US Commonwealth of the Northern Marianas Islands, the Bonneville Power Administration (BPA), and the U.S. Department of Commerce.

Robert Young served as the lead damages witness for Isolux, a large multi-national construction company that built over \$800 million of transmission plant for an independent transmission company as part of the \$7 billion Texas Competitive Renewable Energy Zone project, designed to integrate wind generation from west Texas into central Texas, the location of most of the state's electric load.

Assisted Rio Tinto in the \$38 billion acquisition of Alcan Aluminum in 2007. Working directly for CFO, Mr. Young provided a valuation of Alcan's over 4,100 MW of hydro generation and other merger related issues.