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EXPERIENCE

July 2007 – Present

Wal-Mart Stores, Inc., Bentonville, AR

Manager, State Rate Proceedings

June 2003 – July 2007

Public Utility Commission of Oregon, Salem, OR

Senior Utility Analyst (February 2006 – July 2007)

Economist (June 2003 – February 2006)

January 2003 - May 2003

Adjunct Instructor, Microeconomics

North Harris College, Houston, TX

June 2001 - March 2003

Econ One Research, Inc., Houston, TX

Senior Analyst (October 2002 – March 2003)

Analyst (June 2001 – October 2002)

EDUCATION

2001

Louisiana State University

M.S., Agricultural Economics

1997-1998

University of Florida

Graduate Coursework, Agricultural Education and Communication

1997

Texas A&M University

B.S., Agricultural Development

B.S., Horticulture

TESTIMONY

2008

Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission Cause No. 43374: Petition of Duke Energy Indiana, Inc. Requesting the Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission Approve an Alternative Regulatory Plan for the Offering of Energy Efficiency, Conservation, Demand Response, and Demand-Side Management. Issues: Demand side program applicability and incentives.

Public Utilities Commission of Nevada Docket No. 07-12001: In the Matter of the Application of Sierra Pacific Power Company for authority to increase its general rates charged to all classes of electric customers to reflect an increase in annual revenue requirement and for relief properly related thereto. Issues: Time-of-use definitions.

Louisiana Public Service Commission Docket No. U-30192 (Phase II): Ex Parte, Application of Entergy Louisiana, LLC for Approval to Repower Little Gypsy Unit 3 Electric Generating Facility and for Authority to Commence Construction and for Certain Cost Protection and Cost Recovery. Issue: recovery of cash earnings on Construction Work in Progress.

Colorado Public Utilities Commission Docket No. 07A-420E: In the Matter of the Application of Public Service Company of Colorado For Authority to Implement and Enhanced Demand Side

Management Cost Adjustment Mechanism to Include Current Cost Recovery and Incentives. Issues: approval of demand side management program and cost recovery.

2007

Louisiana Public Service Commission Docket No. U-30192: Ex Parte, Application of Entergy Louisiana, LLC for Approval to Repower Little Gypsy Unit 3 Electric Generating Facility and for Authority to Commence Construction and for Certain Cost Protection and Cost Recovery. Issues: rate impacts of cash earnings on Construction Work in Progress, potential CO2 risk, and issues affecting the cost of the plant.

Public Utility Commission of Oregon Docket No. UG 173: In the Matter of PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION OF OREGON Staff Request to Open an Investigation into the Earnings of Cascade Natural Gas. Issue: rate spread.

2006

Public Utility Commission of Oregon Docket No. UE 180/UE 181/UE 184: In the Matter of PORTLAND GENERAL ELECTRIC COMPANY Request for a General Rate Revision. Issues: rate spread and rate design.

Public Utility Commission of Oregon Docket No. UE 179: In the Matter of PACIFICORP, dba PACIFIC POWER AND LIGHT COMPANY Request for a general rate increase in the company's Oregon annual revenues. Issues: rate spread and rate design.

Public Utility Commission of Oregon Docket No. UM 1129 *Phase II*: Investigation Related to Electric Utility Purchases From Qualifying Facilities. Issues: pricing for avoided cost rates for qualifying facilities larger than 10 MW.

2005

Public Utility Commission of Oregon Docket No. UM 1129 *Phase I Compliance*: Investigation Related to Electric Utility Purchases From Qualifying Facilities. Issues: evaluation of natural gas forecasts and electricity market forward prices.

Public Utility Commission of Oregon Docket No. UX 29: In the Matter of QWEST CORPORATION Petition to Exempt from Regulation Qwest's Switched Business Services. Issue: competition in telecommunications services.

2004

Public Utility Commission of Oregon Docket No. UM 1129 *Phase I*: Investigation Related to Electric Utility Purchases From Qualifying Facilities. Issues: pricing methods for the energy portion of avoided cost payments to PURPA Qualifying Facilities.

AFFILIATIONS

International Association for Energy Economics

- Vice-President, Houston Chapter, 2003-2004
- Secretary, Houston Chapter, 2002-2003

ENERGY INDUSTRY PUBLICATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

Chriss, S. (2006). "Regulatory Incentives and Natural Gas Purchasing – Lessons from the Oregon Natural Gas Procurement Study." Presented at the 19th Annual Western Conference, Center for Research in Regulated Industries Advanced Workshop in Regulation and Competition, Monterey, California, June 29, 2006.

Chriss, S. (2005). "Public Utility Commission of Oregon Natural Gas Procurement Study." Public Utility Commission of Oregon, Salem, OR. Report published in June, 2005. Presented to the Public Utility Commission of Oregon at a special public meeting on August 1, 2005.

Chriss, S. and M. Radler (2003). "Report from Houston: Conference on Energy Deregulation and Restructuring." USAEE Dialogue, Vol. 11, No. 1, March, 2003.

Chriss, S., M. Dwyer, and B. Pulliam (2002). "Impacts of Lifting the Ban on ANS Exports on West Coast Crude Oil Prices: A Reconsideration of the Evidence." Presented at the 22nd USAEE/IAEE North American Conference, Vancouver, BC, Canada, October 6-8, 2002.

Contributed to chapter on power marketing: "Power System Operations and Electricity Markets," Fred I. Denny and David E. Dismukes, authors. Published by CRC Press, June 2002.

Contributed to "Moving to the Front Lines: The Economic Impact of the Independent Power Plant Development in Louisiana," David E. Dismukes, author. Published by the Louisiana State University Center for Energy Studies, October 2001.

Dismukes, D.E., D.V. Mesyanzhinov, E.A. Downer, S. Chriss, and J.M. Burke (2001). "Alaska Natural Gas In-State Demand Study." Anchorage: Alaska Department of Natural Resources.