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QUALIFICATIONS OF DARRELL S. HANSON

EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND

Graduated with a M.B.A. degree from the University of Utah in 1970. Part of the graduate work was done at the University of Tulsa in Oklahoma.

Graduated with a B.S. degree in mechanical engineering from the University of Utah in 1966.

Attended numerous seminars and presentations on utility regulation including:

The 1993, 1995, 1996, and 1997 Conferences on Natural Gas Use sponsored by the DOE and NARUC.

Both the regular and advanced Regulatory Studies Program sponsored by NARUC and Michigan State University.

Participates as a member of the NARUC Gas Subcommittee.

EXPERIENCE BACKGROUND

Utility Regulation

Employed by the State of Utah, Division of Public Utilities (Division) since September 1976. Employed as a Gas Rate Engineer, Manager of the Gas Section, and currently as a Technical Consultant in the Energy Section.

Participated in almost every gas rate case that has occurred since starting employment with the Division. Testified in numerous rate cases and on a variety of subjects including Cost of Service, Rate Design, Expense Items, and Policy Issues.

Other

Twenty months experience as a Staff Engineer for F. C. Torkelson Company, a job shop engineering company, in Salt Lake City, Utah.

Fifteen months experience as a statistician for the State of Utah Industrial Commission setting up the system to collect statistics required by The Occupational Safety and Health Act.

Thirty months experience as a Design Engineer (24 months) and a Management Analyst (6 months) for Phillips Petroleum Company.