



Irina Phillips

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Commissioner

NMPRC

Dear Nominating Committee and the Governor, M. Grisham:



Portland OR [REDACTED]



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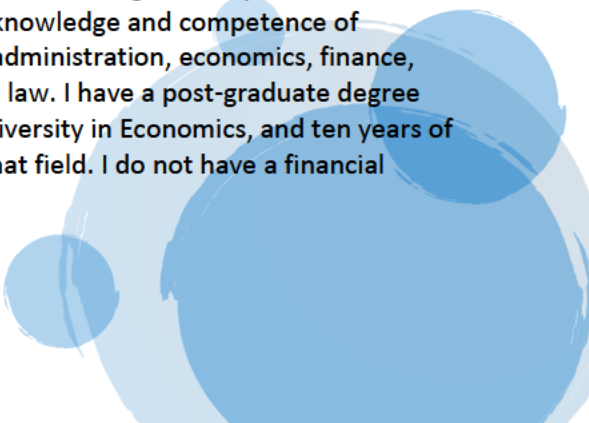
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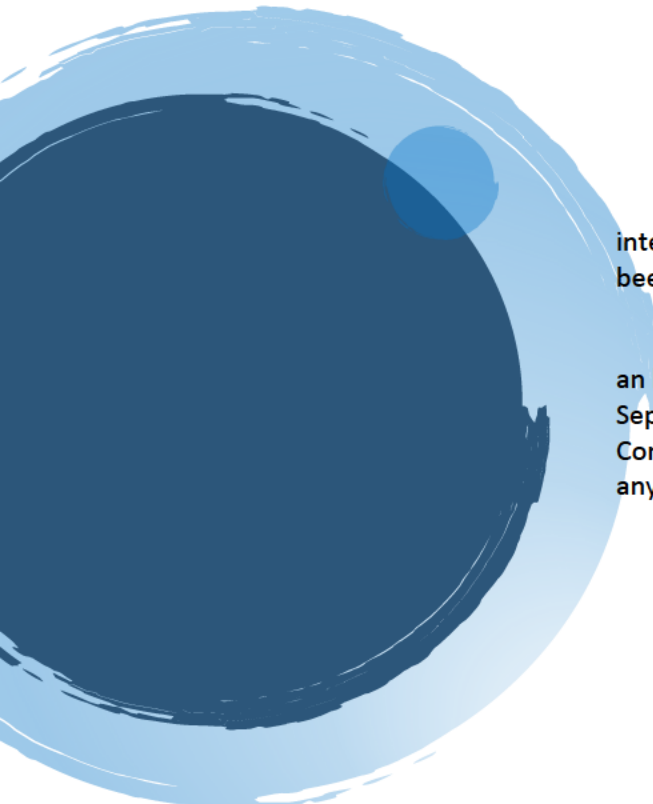


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I am interested to serve on the governing body for the NMPRC, as well as a policy and regulatory body. I have 3+ years of experience regulating both utilities and telecommunications, and additional 4+ years working on energy regulation at PGE and NW Natural. I am interested in setting fair and reasonable rates and assuring adequate and reliable service to the public of New Mexico. I have 1+ year of experience reporting on corporate safety metrics at NW Natural. I am also interested in working on policy that implements statutory mandates and policy goals in addition to complying with rules and regulations governing regulated entities. I am willing to attend open public meetings and multi-day hearings scheduled by will of the Commission. I have 8+ years of experience drafting, reviewing and finalizing expert testimony, participating in settlement discussions and hearing sessions. I identify with the values and vision of the NMPRC and am interested in further defining and implements them in the form of policy. Especially I am interested in geothermal, battery, microgrid and virtual plant projects and enhancements.

I am independent of the industries regulated by the NMPRC and possess industry and regulatory knowledge and competence of accounting, public and business administration, economics, finance, statistics, policy, engineering and law. I have a post-graduate degree (Master's) from Oregon State University in Economics, and ten years of professional experience within that field. I do not have a financial





interest in a public utility in New Mexico or elsewhere and have not been employed by a Commission-regulated entity at any time.

I am available for video, phone and in-person (I live within half an hour from PDX airport) interviews and can start working after September 11th. I will devote my time to the business of the Commission and will not pursue any other business or vocation or hold any other office for profit.

Sincerely,

Irina Phillips.



Irina Phillips, MS Economics

CASE STUDIES:

For **United Malt**, Irina was a team member of consultants implementing the business processes and designing reports working in the new cloud ERP. The project included gathering requirements from the business users, discussing the pain points with the current reports, communicating through diagrams and technical documents the business needs to the coding support teams and consultants, helping business users to adapt to new processes and workflows, develop tools and templates to the different business functions. With Irina's participation the IT project team delivered successful results across multiple project phases and across multiple cohorts of United Malt project teams, helping United Malt to improve strategic roadmap, efficiency and widen functionality of reporting, including Power BI dashboards.

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For **NW Natural** Irina performed operational duties of another BD analyst during his SP HANA architectural design workshops and training. Provided analytical support and prepared monthly reporting for Executive Leadership on all engineering capital projects (multi- million Dollar amounts) and company safety. Maintained and improved Power BI dashboards requested by NW Natural Leadership team to follow major engineering and operations activities (meter replacement projections during supply chain crunch, pipeline inspections requested by regulators and Board). Prepared monthly variance reporting for Field Services operations. Oversaw the 2022 budget preparation for Engineering and Field Services divisions, served on a multi-functional budget team between HR, union representatives, finance and engineers to verify the parameters of the budget, methodology and assumptions.

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PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE:

SBS Consulting, Lake Oswego OR, *Economic Consultant (2021 - present)* several dynamic private sector/market strategy and analysis engagements, including ERP project consulting/project management (Sales, Finance, Manufacturing, Supply Chain) and analytical initiatives (Treasury workflows, Pricing of Product Bundles), IT Roadmap for United Malt (Microsoft Office, Power BI, D365, Anaplan, Insights, Azure) and Business Development initiatives for NW Natural (SAP HANA financial and engineering project modules, Clevest, Power BI, Azure and Studios, Microsoft Office)

Base Camp Brewery, Portland OR, *Economic Consultant (2017-2019)* Market dynamics and price study, Oregon geographic pricing strategy development. Cost study of distribution channels. QuickBooks, Microsoft Office, SCADA brewing process.

PGE, Portland OR, *Economist/Business Analyst (2012 - 2016)* Regulatory department. Drafting testimony and providing analytical support for Rate Cases, IRP and regulatory compliance filings. Areas of expertise: pricing strategies for pilot projects (TOU, electric vehicles, etc.), load forecasting, cost of capital, environmental compliance projects, depreciation study, working capital (cash) study, IT projects (Maximo, Oracle customer service system). Ad-hoc projects: review of performance indicators, sustainability 2016 report, analytical support for renewable construction projects, alternative pricing rates (electric vehicles infrastructure and demand response). PLEXOS, SAS, eViews, Bloomberg, SNL, PeopleSoft, PowerPlan, GIS, UI Planner, Oracle GL modules, Microsoft Office (including SharePoint)

OPUC, Salem OR, *Economist/Utility Consultant (2009 - 2012)* ERFA group. Audit and review of revenue requirement and rate spread/ rate design pricing models for natural gas (NW Natural, Avista) and electric (PGE, PacifiCorp, Idaho Power) utilities in the rate cases. Area of expertise: cost base and alternative pricing, load forecasting, weather normalization, interstate allocations, decoupling revenue mechanisms. Review of IRP scenarios and projections for natural gas (North West Natural and Cascades) and electric (PacifiCorp, PGE, Idaho Power) utilities. Area of expertise is energy efficiency projections and resource balance. Review of telecom landline divestiture from Verizon to Frontier Communications. Microsoft office, SharePoint, SAS, eViews

LBCC, WOU Monmouth, Albany, Corvallis OR, Adjunct Professor/Instructor of Economics (2005 - 2010) Business Department. Teaching undergraduate 200 and 300 level courses in Micro, Macroeconomics, International Trade and Game Theory. Banner and Microsoft Office

Metallica, St. Petersburg, *Export and Import Consultant* (2001 - 2003). Helped with custom clearance documentation and setting the inventory records in the information system

City of Albany, Albany OR, *Billing and Collections Specialist* (1999 - 2000). Water department. Sending water and sewer bills, processing mail payment, responsible for cash and bank deposits, reporting on utility revenue and collection proceeds, providing coverage for department during IT training to implement municipal information system

Gillette International, St. Petersburg, Russia, *Financial Analyst* (1996 - 1999) Costing group. Responsible for standard costing and inventory reporting and analysis. Project management duties during factory construction (CAPEX). Employee store (catalog) management (Oral-B, Duracell, Braun, Parker, Waterman and Gillette). Partnership with Pricing, Reporting, Marketing, Manufacturing, Warehousing/Inventory, Sales, Logistics/Supply Chain, Planning, other Finance groups and IT. Fourth Shift software (now Infor ERP) and proprietary General Ledger package. AutoCAD for space studies

FOREX, St. Petersburg, Russia, *Currency Trader* (1996) Technical analysis, responsible for \$300K in trading portfolio

OSU, Corvallis, OR, *TA* (1994-1996) Tutoring, research, admin duties in Banner. Experience with modeling in GAMS & IMPLAN. Knowledge of SAS

Mezzanine Cafe, Grand Hotel Europe, St. Petersburg, Russia, *Supervisor* (1991-1994) Staff management: hiring, disciplining, scheduling, providing performance review; Inventory management: daily records of sales, weekly inventory check and ordering; Assisting with ad hoc events and banquets.

EDUCATION:

Master of Science in Economics, Oregon State University (2001) Thesis devoted to regression and factor analysis of prices for OSU library scientific journals subscription

Bachelor of Science in Industrial Management /Economics, St. Petersburg University of Economics and Finance (1992), did not finish PhD in Economic Theory and Global Politics. Undergraduate practice at Zavod Electropult (thesis on privatization models), got knowledge of SCADA applications and central management controls.

Post Bachelor courses in Accounting and Information Management, Portland State University (2015-2016)

Summer Post Bachelor School, Micro and Macroeconomics, Corporate Finance, Certificate of London Schools of Economics (1993)

PROFESSIONAL REGISTRATIONS, LICENSES, & CERTIFICATES:

Certified Professional, Institute of Public Utilities, Michigan State University (2009)

Certified Professional, Electricity Marginal Costs and Rate Design, NERA (2011)

Passed first level of CIMA, Great Britain (1998)

MODELING:

GAMS, IMPAN, AURORA, PLEXOS

VOLUNTEERING:

Corvallis Community Children Centers, Treasurer, President of the Board, Corvallis OR (2003-2007)

Parents for Education+, Treasurer, President of the Board, Corvallis OR (2007-2012)

Grant HS PTA Treasurer & President, Portland OR (2015-2020)

PPS CAG District Budget, Portland OR (2017-2021)

Media Projects with Accent Network, Portland OR (2017-2024)

IBR CAG Member (2022-2026)

Portland Harbor Superfund, CAG Member (2014-current)