

BEFORE THE WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

**Docket Nos. UE-151871 UG-151872
Puget Sound Energy's
Electric and Natural Gas Equipment Lease Service**

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Does Puget Sound Energy plan to transition existing natural gas customers taking service under schedule 74, rental of conversion burners, to a lease program offering? If yes, please provide a complete explanation of PSE's proposed plans, forecasts, and assumptions. If no, please explain whether Schedule 74 would continue to be offered as it has over the past several years?

Response:

As stated in Puget Sound Energy's ("PSE") September 18, 2015 letter, PSE expects to develop and file with the Commission a transition plan for customers on the existing rental program after the leasing service tariffs have been approved by the Commission. Although PSE has not yet finalized a plan for transition of existing rental customers to the new lease program, PSE generally anticipates that existing schedule 74 conversion burner rental customers may be offered the following alternatives: (i) continue their existing rental, (ii) terminate their existing rental and enter into a lease agreement for new space heating equipment provided under this proposed Tariff Schedule, or (iii) terminate their existing rental. The date by which customers will exercise the option has not yet been determined. It may be based on product failure or based on established equipment depreciation characteristics.