

BEFORE THE WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

**Docket Nos. UE-072300 and UG-072301
Puget Sound Energy, Inc.'s
2007 General Rate Case**

BENCH DATA REQUEST NO. 005

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Please provide for both energy efficiency and the HELP program - at least in percentage terms of these funds – the amount that is funded by the Company shareholders and the amount that is funded by rate payers.

Response:

Total amounts collected using schedule 120 for energy efficiency program for the twelve months ended July 31, 2008 and how they are being funded are as follows:

Energy / Contribution	Amount – 12ME July 31, 2008	%
Electric / Rate payers contribution	\$ 46,098,214	85.16%
Gas / Rate payers contribution	7,799,876	14.41%
Electric and Gas / Shareholders contribution	236,313	0.43%
Total	\$ 54,134,403	100.00%

Total amounts collected using schedule 129 for HELP program for the twelve months ended July 31, 2008 and how they are being funded are as follows:

Energy / Contribution	Amount – 12ME July 31, 2008	%
Electric / Rate payers contribution	\$ 6,772,110	64.97%
Gas / Rate payers contribution	3,651,063	35.03%
Total	\$10,423,173	100.00%

Puget Sound Energy, Inc. in the 2007 GRC Partial Settlement Re: Service Quality, Meter and Billing Performance, and Low Income Bill Assistance paragraph 43, has agreed with all parties to increase the HELP benefits:

The Parties agree that PSE will increase HELP benefits for qualifying low income customers by increasing the total aggregate funding cap for HELP, including benefits and administrative costs, to \$15 million per year from approximately \$10.25 million per year. This \$15 million will be distributed 75 percent to electric low income and 25 percent to natural gas low

income customers. In addition, aggregate HELP funds not distributed to qualifying customers in any single program year will be carried over to provide supplemental benefit funding in the next program year.