

BEFORE THE WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

**Docket Nos. UE-090704 and UG-090705
Puget Sound Energy, Inc.'s
2009 General Rate Case**

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Do the natural gas conservation savings estimates that are the basis for the conservation phase-in adjustment reflect increased usage from fuel-switching customers who discontinued use of an electric appliance and replaced such appliance with a natural gas appliance?

Response:

No. Puget Sound Energy, Inc.'s ("PSE's") did not have a fuel conversion program during the 2008 test year in PSE's current general rate case. As such, PSE-sponsored electric-to-natural gas fuel conversion does not affect the natural gas conservation savings used to calculate PSE's conservation phase-in adjustment in this case.