

BEFORE THE WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

Docket Nos. UE-111048 and UG-111049
Puget Sound Energy, Inc.'s
2011 General Rate Case

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In Mr. De Boer's prefilled [sic] direct testimony On p. 25, l. 14-20 in responding to "whether or not [the Company's] *conservation programs* provide benefits to low-income ratepayers that are roughly comparable to other ratepayers . . ." [italics added], Mr. DeBoer indicates that approximately 2% of PSE's electric residential customers were "low-income bill-assisted customers" and are "allocated approximately 13 percent of the budget" for residential conservation. Assuming that these percentages would be correct for the test year, does Mr. DeBoer mean to indicate that this 2%, or approximately 19,000 low-income electric customers, received energy conservation benefits from PSE's program? Similarly, Is Mr. DeBoer claiming that approximately 7,600 low-income gas customers benefited from PSE's gas energy conservation programs? Please provide any calculations or workpapers documenting this participation.

Response:

Puget Sound Energy, Inc. ("PSE") has demonstrated that PSE's conservation programs provide benefits to low-income ratepayers that are roughly comparable to other ratepayers on page 25 of the Prefiled Direct Testimony of Tom A. DeBoer, Exhibit No. ___(TAD-1T). Other than demonstrating that PSE's low-income conservation programs provide comparable benefits, through this testimony PSE is not indicating nor claiming other possible estimates.

For calculations and workpapers, please see PSE's Response to Public Counsel Data Request No. 489.