

**PUGET SOUND ENERGY**  
**Electric Tariff G**

**SCHEDULE 129**  
**LOW INCOME PROGRAM**


**AVAILABILITY/APPLICABILITY:** The benefits available under this Low Income Program (“Program”) (as approved in Docket Nos. UE-011570 and UG-011571) are available to Customers of the Company meeting the criteria described herein. The charges under this schedule apply to all Customers of the Company.

**BENEFITS:**

1. Benefits under this Program are available through designated agencies (herein “Agencies”) that:
  - a) meet the criteria for a “Qualifying Organization” as defined in RCW 82.16.0497, b) the Company accepts as capable of performing necessary obligations under this Program, and c) executes a contract with the Company that is: i) consistent with this schedule, ii) provides for periodic auditing, and iii) provides for an annual administration evaluation. The Agencies will ascertain whether specific Customer households seeking assistance with their electric bills are eligible for assistance under the Program.
  - a. The Agencies will determine whether a Customer meets the federal definition for Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (“LIHEAP”) qualification.
    - i) If the Customer is eligible, it will receive LIHEAP funds in lieu of funds under this Program unless or until LIHEAP funds are exhausted. Thereafter, the Customer will be considered for this Program. Beginning October 1, 2021, if the Customer is eligible, it will receive LIHEAP funds in addition to funds under this Program or until LIHEAP funds are exhausted. (N)  
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    - ii) If the Customer is not eligible to receive LIHEAP funds, but meets the Company criteria, the Customer will be considered for this Program.
    - iii) If the Customer meets all applicable criteria, the Customer will be eligible to receive assistance under the Company’s Program or Customers may voluntarily choose to participate in a Time of Day Discount assistance program (Schedules 308 and 309).
  - b. Total Benefits for the program year (where Total Benefits is equal to benefits to eligible Customers under this Program plus the Agencies’ administrative fees and the Company’s program costs) under this Program and the Total Benefits of the Program under the Company’s natural gas tariff are subject to a combined Annual Cap of \$27.492 million, provided that Total Benefits not expended in one program year will be included in Total Benefits for the following program year and be allocated along with funding for the current program year. The Annual Cap for the program year is allocated into Annual Caps of \$21.558 million for electric and \$5.934 million for natural gas Low Income Programs. Total Benefits are equal to the Annual Caps plus carry-over of funds not expended in the prior year.

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**SCHEDULE 129**  
**LOW INCOME PROGRAM (Continued)**

**BENEFITS:** (Continued)

A qualifying Customer may receive assistance through this Program once during a program year. Customers shall be requalified annually by one of the Agencies (except where noted otherwise). Total benefits to an individual eligible Customer under this program are subject to an annual cap equal to the sum of (i) the LIHEAP cap (currently \$1,000.00) and (ii) the benefit amount specifically for the applicable Schedule 171 charges.

**INCOME ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA:** With exceptions as noted, eligibility will be restricted to “very low-income households”, as defined by LIHEAP Statute Section 2605(b)(2)(B)(i). For purposes of this Program, eligibility will be capped at 150% of federal poverty guidelines. Agencies may allow senior, disabled, and other steady-income customers to certify their Program eligibility for a two-year period. Such customers must meet the existing Program criteria and elect to certify eligibility for two years after demonstrating a steady income that meets 150% of the federal poverty level, established by steady-income payment documentation. Beginning October 1, 2021, with exceptions as noted, eligibility will be restricted to “low-income households” as defined by RCW 19.405.020(25). Currently that definition identifies households with an income not to exceed the higher of 80% of area median income or 200% of federal poverty level adjusted for household size. For purposes of this Program, in areas where 80% of median income exceeds 200% of federal poverty guidelines, eligibility will be capped at 80% of area median income; and in areas where 200% of federal poverty level exceeds 80% area median income, eligibility will be capped at 200% of federal poverty guidelines.

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**INFORMATION SERVICES:**

1. Agencies will provide qualifying Customers with the following education and information.
  - a. Low-income weatherization program information.
  - b. Personal Energy Management (PEM) and, if applicable, Time of Day rate education.
  - c. Information on deferred payment arrangements and budget billing.
  - d. Conservation education and information.
2. The Company will provide qualifying Customers with the following information.

Information to Customers dealing with delinquent utility bills on how to access low-income assistance.

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