

Summary of Low-Income Assistance Programs
 Low-income Assistance Workshop U-140632
 May 29, 2014

Company	Program	Eligibility	Funding	Maximum benefit	Average benefit		Annual Budget	Program year	Enrollment (households)		Administrative Costs
Avista	LIRAP HEAT	<= 125% FPG ¹	Schedules 91 and 191	\$1000 per year	\$461	\$343 (2012-13)	\$6.0 million (2012-13)	Oct. 1 – Sept. 30 (year-round)	6,258	12,680 ² (2012-13)	
	Project Share	<= 125% FPG	Schedules 91 and 191	\$300	\$218				5,155		
	Senior Energy Outreach	60+ years old, income <= 200% FPG	Schedules 91 and 191	Heating customers: \$300; Other: \$100	\$263				1,267		
Cascade	WEAF	<= 125% FPG	Embedded in general rates	\$500	\$315		\$800,000	Parallel with LIHEAP	2,341 (2013)		20%
	Winter Help	<= 150% FPG	Customer donations, Cascade	\$350	\$223		Average \$100,000	Parallel with LIHEAP	502 (2013)		0%
Northwest Natural	GREAT	Income <= 150% FPG	Schedule 230	\$1,000 per year	\$550 (2012-13)		\$500,000		621 (2012-13, including LIHEAP and GAP)		20%
Pacific Power	LIBA	0-75% FPG= 6.396 cents/kWh ³	Schedule 91	\$0.06396 / kWh, ³ see “eligibility”	\$268	\$1.9 million (2013-14)	Nov. – April (winter only)	Capped at 4,720 per year. (4,053 in 2013-14)		18.9% (0.6% attributed to company, 2013)	
		76-100% FPG= 4.303 cents/kWh ³									
		101-150% FPG= 2.689 cents/kWh ³									
Puget Sound Energy	HELP	125% to 150% of FPG; <= 50% of county median income adjusted for household size ⁴	Schedule 129, SQI penalty (if applicable)	\$1,000 per year	\$511 (2012-13)		\$20.2 million revenue cap, ⁵ (\$16.9 million for benefits)	Oct. 1 – Sept. 30 (year-round)	21,324 ² (2012)		20% (+2% for Company costs)

¹ Federal Poverty Guideline (FPG)

² Does not include LIHEAP grants

³ Rate applies to usage greater than 600 kWh.

⁴ “very low-income household,” per RCW 43.63A510. Equivalent to 125%-150% FPG.

⁵ 0.665 percent of PSE’s 2010 operating revenues (per Order 8, Dockets UE-111048 and UG-111049)

