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## PUGET SOUND ENERGY Electric Tariff G

## SCHEDULE 129 LOW INCOME PROGRAM (Continued)

## **HEAD START BENEFIT ("HSB") SECTION**

**HSB AVAILABILITY:** The benefits available under this Head Start Benefit ("HSB") are available beginning November 8, 2025, to Customers taking Electric Service on any of the following Schedules: 7, 307, 317, and 327, who meet the eligibility requirements below.

**HSB PURPOSE:** The HSB, also referred to as Head Start Benefit, provides bill credit benefits to reduce a Customer's past due balance, or "arrearage" that have not been able to get caught up as a result off the pandemic and the extended disconnect moratorium the Company's Customers were subject to. The benefit takes the form of a bill credit, with a minimum arrearage of \$5, and a maximum benefit of \$15,000 per customer/enrollment. Enrollment in the HSB is intended to help a Known or Estimated Low-Income Customer from incurring increased arrearages, slipping further into debt and risking disconnection.

HSB ELIGIBILITY: A Customer that meets the criteria for Known or Estimated Low-Income and has an existing past due balance, or "arrearage". Known Low-Income is a Customer who has applied and received assistance in the past 24 months. Estimated Low-Income is a Customer that is estimated to be at or below 80% of Area Median Income based on third party data. Known Low-Income Customers will be served in order of the lowest income/highest energy burden first and then Estimated Low-Income Customers will be served in order of the lowest income/highest energy burden. This will continue until funds are exhausted. A Customer will be selected by PSE using existing income and energy burden data. A Customer selected to receive this funding will also receive focused outreach encouraging them to apply for ongoing bill assistance through the Company's suite of benefits, rates and programs to help manage bill affordability moving forward. A Customer is only eligible to receive the HSB benefit once.

**HSB ENROLLMENT AND OPT OUT:** A Customer selected will automatically receive the HSB benefit unless they have opted out. A Customer will be notified of their eligibility to receive the HSB benefit, and with that notification be given the option to contact the Company and request to opt-out of the benefit. A Customer who has selected to opt-out will not be eligible to request the HSB benefit at a later date.

**HSB FUNDING:** The benefits provided under the HSB are unspent funds collected under this tariff Schedule that were not distributed by the end of any previous program year, prior to October 1, 2025. Electric funding will be capped at \$25,284,317; Natural Gas funding will be capped at \$9,274,582, to be distributed prior to January 1, 2026.

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