**BEFORE THE WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION**

**Docket Nos. UE-151871 UG-151872**

**Puget Sound Energy’s**

**Electric and Natural Gas Equipment Lease Service**

**PUBLIC COUNSEL DATA REQUEST NO. 008**

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Puget Sound Energy's September 18, 2015, letter to Steven King, at page 5, states that with respect to those natural gas customers on the existing rental program, once the new leasing filing is approved, PSE will file "a means to end, or transition over to the proposed optional energy equipment lease service will be made available."

Please provide a complete explanation regarding PSE's plans to transition existing rental customers to the new lease program.

**Response:**

As stated in Puget Sound Energy’s (“PSE”) September 18, 2015 letter, PSE expects to develop and file with the Commission a transition plan for customers on the existing rental program after the leasing service tariffs have been approved by the Commission. Although PSE has not yet finalized a plan for transition of existing rental customers to the new lease program, PSE generally anticipates that existing Schedules 71 and 72 water heater rental customers may be offered the following alternatives: (i) continue with their existing rental; (ii) terminate their existing rental and enter into a new lease agreement for new water heat equipment provided under this proposed Tariff Schedule; or (iii) terminate their existing rental. The date by which customers will exercise the option has not yet been determined. It may be based on product failure or based on established equipment depreciation characteristics.