

4.08.000-P Equity Policy

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Introduction

Recognizing the Energy Trust's long-term goals to attain 300 average megawatts of electricity and 19 million annual therms of natural gas, and that other public purpose funds have been earmarked for schools and low income housing needs, the Energy Trust of Oregon, Inc., Board of Directors hereby adopts as policy using the following principles in designing energy efficiency programs and allocating funding among various electricity and gas customer classes:

Policy

- Make programs available to all electricity and gas customer classes by implementing programs in the residential, commercial, agricultural, and industrial sectors.
- Design and implement programs for private utility electricity and gas customers that have not had access to prior conservation programs and/or where penetration rates have been historically low.
- Monitor penetration rates for all programs and adjust them as needed to ensure that all private utility electricity and gas customer classes are being served. The Energy Trust will pay particular attention to programs for underserved electricity and gas customers to ensure that they achieve penetration rates that are comparable to other successful programs operating to serve these markets.
- Improve program effectiveness to increase conservation savings and reduce costs, thereby making it possible to serve more households and businesses.
- Improve and disseminate information about the cost and availability of conservation in each private utility electricity and gas customer class.

The Energy Trust will strive for this kind of equitable distribution of programs over the next five years. Annual results may vary; however, the Energy Trust is committed to achieving these results over the course of the five-year program planning period.

Adopted on September 7, 2005, by the Energy Trust of Oregon, Inc. Board of Directors