



Universal System Benefits Programs

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Universal System Benefit Allocations

USB Categories

- **Conservation**
 - § E+ Energy Audits
 - § E+ Business Partners

- **Market Transformation**
 - § E+ Commercial Lighting
 - § Northwest Energy Efficiency Programs

- **Renewables**
 - § Residential Solar and Wind
 - § Small Commercial Solar and Wind

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USB Categories *(cont.)*

- **Research and Development**
 - § **Demonstration Projects**
 - § **Electrician Training**
 - § **Customer Training and Education**

- **Low-Income**
 - § **Bill Assistance**
 - § **Free Weatherization**
 - § **Energy Share**

- **Large Customer**

Historic Allocation of NWE USB Funds Among Public Purpose Categories

Actual USB Expenditures 1999 - 2004

<i>USB Categories</i>	<i>Electric</i>	<i>Gas</i>	<i>Total</i>	<i>Allocation</i>
<i>Local Conservation</i>	\$ 9,614,459	\$ 2,001,101	\$ 11,615,561	20%
<i>Market Transformation</i>	\$ 5,802,834		\$ 5,802,834	10%
<i>Renewables</i>	\$ 4,480,158		\$ 4,480,158	8%
<i>Research & Development</i>	\$ 1,123,096		\$ 1,123,096	2%
<i>Low-Income</i>	\$ 13,560,802	\$ 6,886,240	\$ 20,447,042	35%
<i>Large Customers</i>	\$ 15,687,269		\$ 15,687,269	27%
	\$ 50,268,617	\$ 8,887,342	\$ 59,155,959	100%

Issues

- **Should Large Customers be allowed to continue to self-direct USB money?**
- **What is the appropriate percentage allocation among low-income, weatherization and renewable energy efforts for USB funding?**
- **Should the USB rate of 2.4% be raised? If so, by how much?**
- **Should the current natural gas USB charge be increased or should a USB rate be applied to propane in order to help low-income customers offset extremely high natural gas and propane costs?**