

## 4.03.000-P Fuel-switching Policy

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<b>History</b>			
Source	Date	Action/Notes	Next Review Date
Board Decision	February 27, 2002	Approved (R84)	February 2005
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Policy Committee	December 2, 2008	Reviewed-no changes	May 2011

### **Summary:**

The Energy Trust Board needs to provide guidance to the staff on a number of issues that will be important in designing Trust programs. This decision memo addresses fuel-switching. In their discussions, the Conservation Advisory Council and the Energy Policy Committee concluded that these guidelines are consistent with the PUC guidelines and advance Trust objectives.

### **Purpose:**

Give Trust staff guidance on technical and policy issues as it develops new Energy Trust programs.

### **Policy:**

- **This policy applies only to energy efficiency measures, not to solar-thermal, geothermal or other renewable energy systems.**
- **Energy Trust should not advocate fuel-switching, but may provide fuel-neutral technical information on efficiency options. That is, Energy Trust may undertake technical studies to identify efficiency opportunities and make recommendations for making an application more efficient for an energy source specified by the energy user. If the energy user expresses interest in converting to another energy source, Energy Trust may perform analysis showing the economics of alternative systems, including the savings and incentives for installing high-efficiency options for the energy source. This type of assistance should help customers consider the merits of their options.**
- **However, the Energy Trust should not provide financial incentives for converting or replacing electric or gas equipment to another fuel.**
- **Energy Trust should work with gas and electricity suppliers who wish to provide efficiency information and/or incentives for conversion, where the customer deems that appropriate.**
- **Energy Trust should revisit the Policy periodically to assess whether the Energy Trust is missing compelling opportunities.**