



News Release

Puget Sound Energy Has Restored Power to 125,000; 9:30 p.m., Dec. 27, 2002 Update

BELLEVUE, Wash.--(BUSINESS WIRE)--Dec. 27, 2002--Puget Sound Energy has made rapid progress this evening restoring power to more than 125,000 customers tonight following today's fierce wind storm that left more than 200,000 customers without power. By 9:30 p.m., 75,000 customers were still without power.

Puget Sound Energy has more than 100 crews working through the night to restore power. Crews as far away as Oregon are helping with the restoration effort.

The brunt of the outages primarily affected customers in areas of King, Pierce and Thurston counties. Smaller outages occurred earlier in the day in Kitsap, Skagit and Whatcom counties.

Crews are working throughout the night and the weekend to bring the power back on. The final restoration work is expected to be completed on Mon., Dec. 30, 2002.

To report downed power lines or other emergencies, Puget Sound Energy customers are asked to call 911 or Puget Sound Energy at 1-888-225-5773.

Puget Sound Energy customers without power as of 9:30 p.m., Dec. 27

Affected area	estimated # without power
King County	60,000
Pierce County	8,000
Thurston County	6,000
Kitsap County	3,000

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