



## News Release

### More Energy Efficiency Rebates to Help Puget Sound Energy Customers Save on Energy Costs; Utility Offers Rebates for ENERGY STAR-Qualified Clothes Washers and Dishwashers

BELLEVUE, Wash., Feb 3, 2003 (BUSINESS WIRE) -- Puget Sound Energy (PSE) is offering more than \$280,000 in rebates on energy-efficient appliances through the end of the year that help its electric customers lower their utility bills.

Customers may qualify for the rebates by purchasing ENERGY STAR(R)-qualified clothes washers and/or dishwashers.

"Increasing the efficiency of clothes washers and dishwashers is key to lowering energy bills year-round," said Cal Shirley, PSE's director of energy efficiency. "By installing energy-efficient clothes washers and dishwashers, customers can save money on their PSE bills, as well as their water bills."

Shirley said ENERGY STAR-qualified clothes washers use 40 percent less energy and 50 percent less water. The ENERGY STAR-qualified dishwashers conserve 25 percent more energy and save 30 percent more water compared to the standard models. These efficiencies save customers money on their utility bills. An ENERGY STAR-qualified clothes washer can reduce an average customer's utility bills by approximately \$73 per year and customers can save up to \$25 a year by replacing a 10-year-old dishwasher with one that is ENERGY STAR qualified. PSE's appliance program offers its residential electric customers, through participating retailers, a \$35 rebate on ENERGY STAR-qualified clothes washers and a \$20 rebate on ENERGY STAR-qualified dishwashers. In some instances, customers can qualify for additional rebates from their water provider. (See attached list of water districts offering rebates).

The program's goal is to stimulate the installation of 10,000 ENERGY STAR-qualified clothes washer and/or dishwasher by the end of 2003. As added savings, PSE is refunding the total purchase price for the 3,000th customer to buy an ENERGY STAR-qualified appliance and submit their rebate.

Rebate information and forms on ENERGY STAR-qualified clothes washers and dishwashers, as well as valuable conservation tips, are available on the PSE Web site at [www.pse.com](http://www.pse.com) or by calling 800/562-1482.

#### About Puget Sound Energy

Puget Sound Energy, a subsidiary of Puget Energy (NYSE:PSD), is an investor-owned utility with more than 1.2 million customers in 11 counties, primarily in western Washington. As the largest utility in Washington state, PSE provides its customers with The Energy to Do Great Things by delivering electricity and natural gas service. The energy-efficiency programs put in place by Puget Sound Energy in 2002 collectively are expected to save 15 average megawatts and more than 2 million therms per year.

Water Utilities Offering Rebates		
Utility Company	Clothes Washers	End Date
City of Kent Water Utility Robyn Bartelt 253/856-5549	\$50 rebate	Ongoing
Covington Water District Gina Hungerford 253/631-0565	\$75 rebate (1)	Dec-03
Cross Valley Water District Gary Hajek 360/668-8970	\$50 rebate	Ongoing
King Cty. Water Dist. #111 Natelie Vance 253/631-3770	\$50 rebate	Limited Funds 1st come 1st serve
LOTT Partnership Karla Fowler 360/664-2333 x100	\$100 rebate (1)	Dec-03
Sammamish Plateau Janet Sailer 425/392-4931 ext. 204	\$50 rebate	Dec-03
WashWise Program Billie Fisher 206/615-1282	\$40 rebate (1) call for details	Ongoing

(1) Operates off independent qualified model list, call listed contact for details

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