



News Release

Puget Sound Energy to Help 220 Special Needs Students Discover Joy of Fishing at June 9 Troutfest at Baker Lake

Jun 07, 2007 (BUSINESS WIRE) -- Puget Sound Energy, a subsidiary of Puget Energy (NYSE:PSD):

Who: Nearly 220 special needs students from Whatcom, Skagit, Snohomish and Island county school districts and their families will join dozens of employee volunteers from Puget Sound Energy (PSE) to experience the joy of trout fishing.

When: 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Saturday, June 9, 2007 Puget Sound Energy's (PSE's) Upper Baker Dam 15 miles north of Milepost 82 from State Highway 20 Near Concrete, Skagit County

What: "Troutfest gives students something they may never before have experienced," said Barbara Hawkings, superintendent of the Concrete School District. Hawkings and her son, who has Down syndrome, have attended PSE's Troutfest every year since it started.

Since 2003, PSE has opened the grounds of its Baker River hydroelectric facility near Concrete to give special needs students the experience and joy of fishing. A fish rearing pond located near Baker Lake will be filled with 6,000 trout. Each student will be paired with a volunteer fishing partner to catch fish.

Background: Since 1925, PSE has operated the Baker River hydroelectric power generation facility to provide electricity to utility customers and recreational opportunities to the community. The 175 megawatt project consists of two dams, each with its own powerhouse.

In coordination with the Washington State Department of Fish and Wildlife and other agencies, PSE has developed fish spawning beaches and initiated fish-rearing programs at the facility. When Baker River salmon runs dipped to an all-time low in 1985, PSE joined with tribal, federal and state fishery agencies to prevent Baker River sockeye from becoming an endangered species.

About Puget Sound Energy

Washington state's oldest and largest energy utility, with a 6,000-square-mile service territory stretching across 11 counties, Puget Sound Energy (PSE) serves more than 1 million electric customers and 718,000 natural gas customers. PSE, a subsidiary of Puget Energy (NYSE: PSD), meets the energy needs of its growing customer base through incremental, cost-effective energy conservation, low-cost procurement of sustainable energy resources, and far-sighted investment in the energy-delivery infrastructure. For more information, visit PSE.com.

About PSE's Baker River Hydroelectric Project

PSE's largest hydropower facility is the Baker River Hydroelectric Project. Located on a tributary of the Skagit River in northwest Washington, the project has two dams, each with its own powerhouse. The dams' reservoirs, Baker Lake and Lake Shannon, are fed by runoff from the flanks of Mount Baker and Mount Shuksan. Lower Baker Dam, completed in 1925, is a 285-foot-high concrete structure with 70 megawatts of power-generating capacity. The 312-foot-high Upper Baker Dam, completed in 1959, has a generating capacity of 105 megawatts. The project includes extensive salmon-propagation facilities and numerous amenities for public recreation. It also provides flood control for communities in the Skagit River Valley. A 50-year federal operating license granted to the Baker River Project in 1956 expired in April. The project is now operating under an annual license from the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission while PSE seeks a new long-term license.

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