



## News Release

### Puget Sound Energy Recognizes Karen and Ralph Munro with 2008 Pioneer Award

BELLEVUE, Wash.--(BUSINESS WIRE)--June 3, 2008--Puget Sound Energy today recognized long-time Olympic Peninsula community advocates Karen and Ralph Munro with the 2008 Puget Sound Energy Pioneer Award at a special ceremony held in their honor in Olympia. The first couple ever to receive the PSE Pioneer Award since it was established in 2003, the Munros were recognized for their significant contributions to education and the environment, as well as their philanthropic involvement with the arts and humanities, personifying the true spirit of public service recognized by the award.

"With the Pioneer Award, we pay tribute to individuals whose legacy of service in the community merits widespread recognition," said Steve Reynolds, chairman, president and CEO of PSE. "This award also acknowledges individuals who serve as role models. We can think of no one who has worked harder or done more than Karen or Ralph to build a better future for generations to come in the South Sound."

A local four-person selection committee made up of community leaders reviewed numerous local candidates and ultimately, selected the Munros for the 2008 PSE Pioneer Award. The committee noted that the Munros far-reaching community involvement holds them up as champions of the environment, stewards of the land, preservers of the past and bridge-builders to the future. Together they have been the driving force behind many noteworthy community achievements, including:

- A halt to the practice of herding and capturing of Puget Sound orcas;
- The preservation of the culturally significant land of the Eld Inlet;
- Contributions to the collaborative program between the Squaxin Island Tribe and South Puget Sound Community College, including suggesting and facilitating the donation of PSE untreated power poles for the education of the art of carving, and allowing the group to conduct an archeological dig on their land - the site of the 700-year-old Squaxin Village;
- The successful effort to secure McLane Creek Nature Trail access between Capitol Lake and Capitol Forest, including a trail link extending to the shore of Mud Bay;
- Involvement and philanthropic support of organizations and educational institutions throughout Western Washington.

As part of the honor, Puget Sound Energy will install an historic-looking, natural-gas lamp later this year in the Thurston County area. The lamp will be adorned with a plaque noting the Munros as the 2008 PSE Pioneer awardees.

The PSE Pioneer Award was created in 2003 to recognize individuals within PSE's service area who have demonstrated selfless leadership and vision for the benefit of the community, and who personify the true spirit of community partnership and involvement, of working to build a better future for others.

#### About Puget Sound Energy

Washington state's oldest and largest energy utility, with a 6,000-square-mile service area stretching across 11 counties, PSE serves more than 1 million electric customers and nearly 735,000 natural gas customers, primarily in Western Washington. PSE meets the energy needs of its growing customer base through incremental, cost-effective energy efficiency, procurement of sustainable energy resources, and far-sighted investment in the energy-delivery infrastructure. PSE employees are dedicated to providing great customer service to deliver energy that is safe, reliable, reasonably priced, and environmentally responsible. For more information, visit [www.PSE.com](http://www.PSE.com).

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