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We've improved the way you apply for utility services

Puget Sound Energy has streamlined the way you apply for new or upgraded natural gas and electric services to help move your project to completion.

Based on your suggestions and feedback, we made these improvements to provide you with more convenient and efficient ways to establish utility services for your construction project.

Starting on March 1, you can go online at PSE.com to select and download the application needed for your project.

The self-service features found online will guide you to the appropriate application and provide information about the permits and requirements needed for your project.

Once you complete the application, you have the convenience of sending it by email, fax or U.S. mail.

Look for these sections when you visit PSE.com and link to the "For the Builder" section found on the homepage.

Customer Service Information Sheet required for each new project

A new Customer Service Information Sheet (CSIS), which provides PSE with project owner information, will be submitted with all utility service applications required for your project.

The CSIS, which serves as a project cover sheet, also includes a checklist to help you verify the necessary applications to be submitted to PSE.

For example, the CSIS checklist would specify these required documents for a residential plat development:

- Customer Service Information Sheet
- Residential Plat Development application 300E for electric service and 300G for natural gas service

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A multifamily development project requiring both natural gas and electric service would identify these required documents:

- Customer Service Information Sheet (CSIS)
- Non-Residential Temporary service application 200E
- Multifamily Development Application 400E and 400G application for electric and gas service to the residential multifamily units

To help match the correct application with your project requirements, look online for the customer application matrix.

Here are descriptions of the applications found on PSE.com

Pre-Project Inquiry (Form #100EG*)

Use this inquiry form to request a feasibility study prior to making formal application for natural gas or electric service. Results from the study will determine the job scope, approximate costs of the new or upgraded utility services, availability of nearest natural gas tie-in and other information you need prior to applying for service.

Residential Service (100E/100G)

Use this application for single family dwellings on a single parcel. This form applies to temporary residential electric service as well as permanent service (100E).

Use application 100G to obtain gas service for single family new construction or existing residential homes converting to natural gas from an alternate fuel, (e.g. oil, propane, or electricity). This form can also be used for mobile and manufactured homes, and additional dwelling units in an existing structure, (e.g. mother-in-law apartments).

Non-Residential Temporary Service (200E)

Use this application for non-residential temporary electric service installed to provide power for a period of 12 months or less. This form should be used for multifamily buildings and non-residential new construction projects that require single or 3-phase service for construction trailers, tools, cranes, lights, elevators, etc.

Non-Residential Permanent Service (201E/201G)

Use this application for all new buildings whether the whole structure or a part of it is intended for commercial, retail, or general public activities requiring natural gas and electric service.

This form also should be used for electric service to community wells, barns and garage shops/outbuildings (201E).

Use application 201G for new construction or existing non-residential structures converting to natural gas from an alternate fuel, (e.g. oil, propane, or electricity).

Residential Plat Development (300E/300G)

Use this application for a residential single-family new construction development of two (2) or more adjoining parcels developed for electric and natural gas service.

Multi-Family Development (400E/400G)

Use this application for two (2) or more dwelling units within one or more structures, (e.g. duplexes, triplexes, four-plexes, and apartment/condominium complexes) developed for electric and natural gas service.

Altered Services (500E and 500G)

Use these when an existing service line or meter (natural gas or electric) needs to be changed or upgraded due to added load. This includes temporary removal and later reinstallation of natural gas or electric service (e.g. demolish, remodel/rebuild). If utility service was previously removed and disconnected submit this application to have the service reinstalled.

Mixed Use

A mixed use project is defined as a combination of non-residential, plat, and/or residential multi-family units in the same project, (e.g. high rise multifamily apartments/condominiums with retail on street level). Note: Refer to the CSIS checklist to make sure your mixed use project submission includes all appropriate applications.

We'll accept your existing application

We think the streamlined application process will immediately come in handy.

If you currently are in the process of submitting an application you acquired prior to March 1, please continue to complete and submit it. We don't expect you to start over.

If you prefer not to go online to access the new applications, just give us a call and we'll make sure printed forms are made available to you.

We have representatives available to answer your questions and guide you through our online application service.

Call us at 1.888.321.7779 or send an email with your questions and comments to newserviceapplications@pse.com

New Customer Application Matrix

New Customer Situation	New Customer Application Matrix												
	Pre-project Inquiry-100EG (feasibility check)	Customer Service Info Sheet (CSIS)	Electric Single-Family Service 100E	Gas Single-Family Service 100G	Electric Res Plat Dev 300E	Gas Res Plat Dev 300G	Electric Temp Service Non-Res 200E	Electric Perm Service Non-Res 201E	Gas Non-Res Service 201G	Electric Multi-Family Dev 400E	Gas Multi-Family 400G	Electric Altered Service 500E	Gas Altered Service 500G
Interested in switching to gas - existing house, check availability, preliminary cost	x												
Feasibility study to determine job scope and approximate cost, new or altered gas/ electric service	x												
Existing house switching to gas, needs gas service		x		x									
New SF res, temp/perm electric and gas service		x	x	x									
New construction plat, SF structures of 2 or more lots, community well, gas and electric service		x			x	x		x					
New commercial building, retail strip mall, restaurant, etc. needing electric temp/ perm & gas service		x					x	x	x				
Existing commercial structure (retail, restaurant, office, apt/condo, etc.) wanting gas service.		x							x				
New multifamily structure/s needing gas and electric service		x					x			x	x		
New mixed-use & multifamily structure/s needing gas and electric service		x					x	x	x	x	x		
Existing Structure requiring upgrade, alteration or relocation of existing gas and/ or electric service/meter		x										x	x

PSE supports building industry through local home builder associations

As builders weather the economic downturn, PSE is pleased to participate in the programs supporting the region's building industry. Since the housing market is a cornerstone of the economy, and an important part of our business, PSE's active participation in the region's builder associations aims to help provide meaningful support as the industry seeks to generate further market activity.

PSE's activities in 2009 include sponsorship support throughout the utility's 11-county service area. Some of the activities include:

- Observation of the centennial celebration of the Master Builders Association of King and Snohomish (MBAKS) counties, with sponsorship of the benefit auction, "100 Years of Building Community on May 9. Additionally, throughout 2009, PSE representatives will participate in MBAKS' trade shows, builder forum breakfasts, safety day and builder golf events where we will provide the hotdog barbecue lunch at the very popular HalfWay Haus.
- Participation in and sponsorship of events organized by:
 - Building Industry Association of Whatcom County
 - Skagit Island County Building Association (SICBA)
 - Master Builders Association of Pierce County
 - Olympia Master Builders
 - Home Builders Association of Kitsap County
 - Central Washington Home Builders Association
 - Jefferson County Home Builder Association

Through participation with the associations, PSE strives to build relationships and improve communication with builders so we can more effectively construct utility service on-time/on budget and bring energy-saving solutions to new houses and buildings. An efficient building with reasonable costs to heat and cool immediately raises value. We look forward to working with your associations and you, the new home builder in 2009 to support your goals of helping consumers gain confidence to jump start the building industry. ◆



Great start for PSE's energy efficiency program targeted to multifamily new construction

PSE's Energy Efficiency Services recently celebrated the launch of its successful multifamily new construction efficiency program. This new program provides participating builders with financial incentives, technical information and support for the construction of energy-efficient multifamily housing.

Since its Aug. 1 kickoff, 21 project applications have been received for the construction of nearly 4,200 residential market rate, affordable housing and/or senior housing units in King, Snohomish and Thurston counties. Of those initial 21 applications, 19 project evaluations have been conducted by PSE and eight grant proposals have been submitted for review. It's anticipated that the multifamily new construction program could produce more than 1.2 million kilowatt hours of electric savings and nearly 16,000 therms of natural gas savings per year.

For more information about PSE multifamily energy efficiency program please contact Malcolm McCulloch, program manager at 425.457.5733 or malcom.mcculloch@pse.com

PSE's Wild Horse wind facility to expand

Puget Sound Energy announced plans to add 22 wind turbines to the utility's Wild Horse Wind and Solar Facility. Construction, after all approvals are received, is slated for mid-2009, with entry into commercial service by late 2009. "The turbines have proven themselves at our Wild Horse and Hopkins Ridge facilities in providing a reliable source of clean, renewable energy" said Kimberly Harris, executive vice president and chief resource officer for PSE, "Building on the success of Wild Horse makes sense for our customers and for the economy of the Kittitas Valley". The planned expansion will result in 149 turbines and a capacity of 269 megawatts (MW) at Wild Horse. The Wild Horse site also includes a 500-kilowatt solar project, the Pacific Northwest's largest producer of solar energy. At maximum output, the Wild Horse facility currently generates enough power to serve approximately 60,000 households. With the expansion, Wild Horse will be able to serve approximately 10,000 additional households. In total, the facility has generated 1.2 million megawatt-hours of electricity since entering operation in December 2006.

Since opening in April 2008, the Renewable Energy Center located at the Wild Horse facility has welcomed more than 17,000 people to learn more about wind and solar power, as well as the natural history of the Kittitas Valley.

More information on PSE's wind facilities, the expansion project of Wild Horse and directions to the Wild Horse Visitors Center can be found at PSE.com ◆



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