

# PROJECT NOTICE

Upgrading your neighborhood



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## **Puget Sound Energy and City of Bellingham to upgrade and underground electric system in downtown Bellingham next year**

Dear Resident or Business Owner,

Puget Sound Energy and the City of Bellingham invite you to attend a community open house to discuss a planned 12 kilovolt (kV) electric system upgrade in your neighborhood. The meeting will be held in Bellingham from 4-7 p.m. on Nov. 17 at the Leopold Ballroom, 1224 Cornwall Ave. PSE and city staff will be on site to explain the project and answer questions. On request, a utility location tour will also be available.

### About the system upgrade

PSE is planning to upgrade the electric system in Bellingham to meet customers' needs now and in the future. We are currently working on the design to convert an existing 4 kV system to a 12 kV system in three areas of downtown Bellingham, specifically in the area of Cornwall Avenue and Railroad Avenue and from York Street to Maple Street, with the possibility of upgrading other downtown locations in the near future. In addition, we will rebuild our existing 4kV State Street substation to support the 12kV system.

PSE is partnering with the city on these electric system upgrades. The city has offered to provide the trench necessary to install the system, including the necessary backfill and restoration. Additionally, the city will provide trench, backfill and restoration in the balance of the areas where PSE had originally planned to rebuild an overhead distribution system, enabling PSE to install the entire new distribution system underground.

Our preliminary schedule is to start work in mid-2009. An updated notice will be sent as construction nears. The work is scheduled to take place **Mondays through Fridays between 7 a.m. and 7 p.m.**

If you have any questions or concerns, please join us on Nov. 17, or call or e-mail us using the below contact information.

Sincerely,

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