# January 2014 Puget Sound Energy bill inserts and information

Included in your electronic or mailed statement is information on ways to save energy and manage costs, as well as safety tips.

#### **Download Inserts**

The Voice customer newsletter

Monthly Promotions

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The latest news on what's powering our neighborhoods



PSE is committed to a clean energy future, and our record proves it. The three large wind farms we built and operate generate enough power to serve nearly a quarter-million homes and businesses. Since 1889, we've been turning the water at Snoqualmie Falls into electricity and recently revamped two of our hydro plants. And our energy efficiency programs helped us save enough electricity to power 30,000 homes last year. Learn more, and see how you can participate online.

pse.com/save





# Easily upgrade your home with an efficiency kit

Want to update your home with energy efficient products, but don't know where to start? Get all the tools you need to start saving with an efficiency kit—for only \$2.50! For a limited time, get free shipping

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# energizeEASTSIDE



# Investing in the future

The Eastside is growing faster than any other region in Washington. That's great news for our community, but it's also creating strain on our electric system. In 2014, customers and other stakeholders will help us evaluate locations for the 230 kilovolt power lines between Renton and Redmond. Construction will begin in 2017.

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## Get help with your heating bill

Depending on income and household size, you could receive up to \$1,000 from the federal Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program and up to another \$1,000 from PSE's Home Energy Lifeline Program. Call toll-free 1-866-223-5425 for the nearest energy assistance center.

pse.com/lowincome

## You have our guarantee

We are committed to keeping scheduled appointments and to restoring power outages as soon as we can. If we don't keep an appointment or if electric service is out for 120 consecutive hours or longer, subject to certain conditions, we'll credit your account \$50.

pse.com/guarantees

### Keep meters clear of snow and ice

Snow and ice can damage your natural gas meter and leave you in the cold! Use a broom to gently remove them, and don't let snowmelt refreeze on the meter.

# 2014 energy efficient rebate programs

Resolve to make your home more energy efficient this year. For a better understanding of your home's energy use get a free **HomePrint Assessment**, now available for both electric and natural gas customers. You'll find money-saving rebates on high efficiency lighting, appliances, home and water heating equipment, windows and more!

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# Difficulty paying your PSE bill?

Please call us at 1-888-225-5773 for information about payment options and assistance programs, or visit PSE.com.





Save a stamp. Go paperless. Visit PSE.com for more information.



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# Help others stay warm.

- Consider a tax-deductible donation to The Salvation Army Warm Home Fund.
- Check off your donation on the enclosed payment stub or on your MY PSE Account.





#### January 2014 bill print messages

#### Summary page

Natural gas and electric service—all customers.

Your bill this month reflects changes in rates that went into effect Jan 1.

#### **Detail section of billing statement**

All billing statements--electric and natural gas--on monthly and bi-monthly billing schedule

A rate change became effective during this billing period. The listed rate item(s) that changed shows the dates, prices and charges for each portion of the bill period when they were in effect.

#### Bill-print messages for natural gas customers, City of Edgewood:

The January 1, 2014 change in rates is the result of the City of Edgewood's new city tax. The city tax rate on your bill is 2.67%. This rate includes the effect of state and local taxes on the city tax and deductions allowed by the city.

A late fee of 1% will apply to overdue charges, if any. Please see the reverse side for details on late payment charges.

#### **Ways to Pay Your Bill**

Puget Sound Energy offers several payment options:

- Online Payment and Paperless Billing
- Automatic Payment from your bank account
- Immediate Payment Online or by Phone (transaction fee applies) Para info
- By mail to: Puget Sound Energy, Payment Processing BOT-01H, P.O. Box 91269, Bellevue, WA 98009-9269
- Budget Payment Plan helps even out bills
- In person at an authorized pay station, see PSE.com, or call 1-888-225-5773 for payment locations

#### **Ways to Reach Us**

- PSE Customer Service 1-888-225-5773
- TTY For hard of hearing/speech disorders 1-800-962-9498
- TRS Telecommunications Relay Service 1-866-831-5161
- PSE Customer Construction Services 1-888-321-7779
   Business hours: 7 a.m.-5 p.m. Monday-Friday
- PSE Energy Advisors 1-800-562-1482
   Business hours: 8 a.m.-5 p.m. Monday-Friday

#### **Bill Statement Codes**

- ESTM Estimated
- CORR Corrected/Adjusted
- PRRT Prorated
- ACTL Actual

#### Emergency or Power Outage Dial 1-888-225-5773

To report a natural gas or electric emergency or a power outage, 24 hours a day, call **1-888-225-5773** 

Para informar sobre la emergencia del fallo de gas o electricicdad 24 horas al dia, llame **1-888-225-5773** 

若欲報告有關煤氣或電力故障,或停電,

每天24小時均可致電 **1-888-225-5773** 

Чтобы сообщить об аварии, связанной с природным газом или электроэнергией, или о перерыве в подаче электроэнергии, звоните по телефону

1-888-225-5773 круглосуточно

We can translate for other languages. Call 1-888-225-5773.

#### **Customer Service Guarantees**

**Appointments:** You will receive a \$50 credit on your PSE bill if we do not keep a set appointment to install new or reconnect existing service or inspect natural gas equipment. Exceptions apply during major storms or significant events beyond our control.

**Electric service restoration:** If your electric service is out for 120 consecutive hours or longer, you may be eligible to receive a \$50 credit on your PSE bill after you report the outage or request the credit within seven days of the outage. Certain conditions beyond our control will cause the guarantee to be suspended.

#### **Questions about Your Bill or Service**

If you have questions or concerns or a dispute regarding your energy bill or service, please call us during business hours Monday–Friday, 7:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. at 1-888-225-5773. Any necessary corrections will be made promptly. If further follow-up is required, ask a PSE Customer Services supervisor to assist you. Every effort will be made to resolve disagreements and misunderstandings. If you are dissatisfied with the resolution, you may contact the Consumer Affairs section of the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission at 1-800-562-6150 or complete an online complaint form at www.utc.wa.gov. Copies of information on rules, rates, power supply fuel mix, regulations, customer rights and responsibilities, as well as an annual report, are available by calling 1-888-225-5773 and at PSE.com.

#### **Late Payment Fee**

Your bill is due and payable upon delivery. A late payment fee of 1 percent per month will be assessed on balances which remain unpaid for more than 10 business days after the due date on the bill. A 30-day delay of the late fee will be granted to low-income customers who notify PSE that they have applied to a low-income organization for financial aid. Customers participating in the Budget Payment Plan will be exempt from any late payment fee as long as the agreed-upon payment terms are kept current.

#### **Explanation of Terms Used**

#### Basic Charge

The basic charge covers a portion of the costs for billing, meter reading and other related fixed costs. These fixed costs do not vary with the amount of electricity or natural gas used or the number of days covered by the bill.

#### **Delivery Charge**

This charge is for the construction, operation and maintenance of natural gas pipes, gate stations, pressure regulators and other equipment necessary for the delivery of natural gas to you, based on the amount of natural gas used.

#### Electric/Natural Gas Conservation Program Charge

Every customer helps pay for the costs of weatherization and conservation programs.

#### **Energy Exchange Credit**

This credit applies to residential and qualified small farm electricity customers only. It is a pass-through of the Federal Columbia River Benefits supplied by BPA. These benefits are from low-cost power generated by federal hydroelectric dams.

#### kWh

A kilowatt hour is a measure of 1,000 watts of electricity consumed in 1 hour. A 100-watt light bulb consumes 1 kWh of electricity over 10 hours.

#### **Btu Factor**

British thermal unit is a measure of heat content. The Btu factor is an adjustment factor based on the actual heat content of the natural gas.

#### **CCF**

CCF stands for hundreds of cubic feet, a measure of the volume of natural gas used.

#### Therm

A therm is a unit of heat that equals 100,000 Btu. A therm is the volume of gas (CCF) that when multiplied by the Btu factor equals 100,000 Btu. A natural gas stovetop burner on for 10 hours would use approximately one therm of natural gas. One therm of natural gas is equivalent to 29.3 kWh of electricity.

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