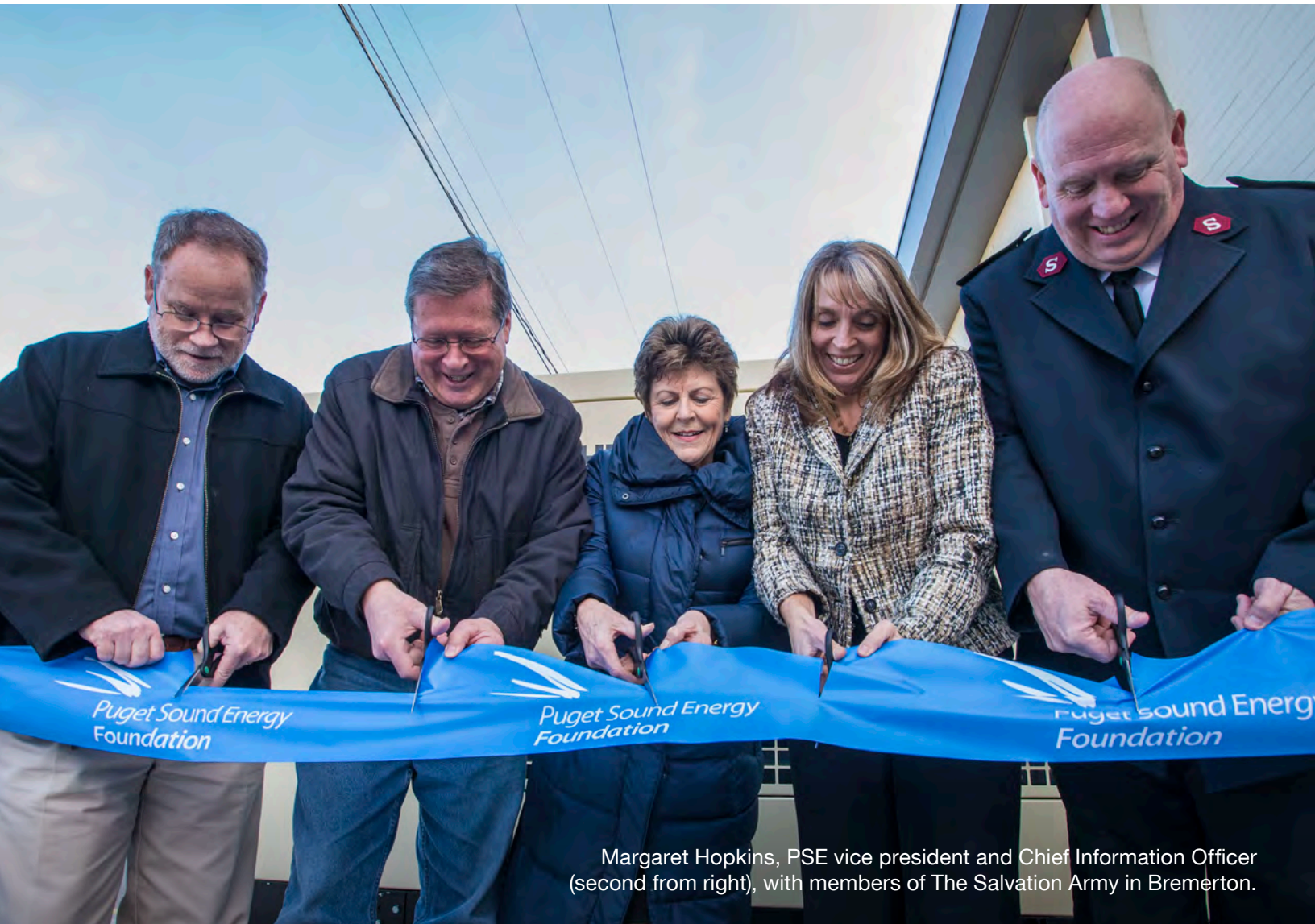


The latest news on what's powering our neighborhoods



Margaret Hopkins, PSE vice president and Chief Information Officer (second from right), with members of The Salvation Army in Bremerton.

PSE Foundation helps communities prepare

The Puget Sound Energy Foundation is awarding grants for the installation of generators at nonprofit locations that serve as emergency shelters and warming shelters. The \$1 million, five-year campaign launched in 2015 with generators installed in Pierce, Island and Kittitas counties. This year, we've awarded grants to nonprofits serving Kitsap and Whatcom counties. Many of these nonprofits specifically serve those in low income, vulnerable communities.



Renewable Energy Center opens April 1

Want to know more about wind energy? Our Renewable Energy Center at Wild Horse Wind and Solar Facility in Kittitas, Wash., is opening April 1! Recreation, wildlife and guided tours are just part of what's available. Watch for more information in next month's issue of "The Voice."

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Keep your gas meter clear

For safety's sake, make sure your gas meter and service pipe are clear of obstructions. This helps ensure the equipment operates properly and is accessible for inspection, maintenance and emergencies.

- Clear debris, dirt and mulch from around the meter to ensure that no part becomes buried. At least six inches of the pipe below the shut off valve should be clear.
- Don't block it with landscaping, decking or fencing.
- Don't lean ladders or bikes against it; this can defeat the meter's protection against corrosion.
- Keep it free of plastic and insulation.
- Don't use the gas service as an electrical ground rod.



You may qualify for assistance

Depending on income and household size, you may be eligible for payment assistance with your heating bill and for free energy-efficient improvements to your home. Recipients can receive up to \$1,000 in credits from the Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) and another \$1,000 in credits from PSE's Home Energy Lifeline Program (HELP).

Contact your local energy-assistance agency at **1-866-223-5425**.

Can a phone line kill you?

It can if it's lying on the ground and in contact with a power line. And you don't have to touch the line. A fence, guardrail and even the ground under the line could all be energized. So don't take chances. Stay away from downed lines of any kind. Call PSE or **911** to report them.

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