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Be Ready Bainbridge

PSE Foundation Awards Generator to Church on Bainbridge Island; Site Will Become Warming Center to Operate during Emergencies

BELLEVUE, Wash. (Jan. 11, 2016) – In an ongoing effort to better prepare our communities in the event of a disaster, Puget Sound Energy Foundation has awarded a grant for the installation of a high-capacity generator at Island Church on Bainbridge Island. With the placement of the generator, the centrally-located facility at 9624 Sportsman Club Road NE can become an emergency shelter and warming center when needed.

“Getting a generator for our church is a huge deal. Ever since we moved into our new building in 2008, we realized our building could become a warming station and even a triage facility in the case of a more serious island-wide event,” said Pastor Jenni Brewster of Island Church.

The generators – which are able to power larger facilities – can be used during a variety of emergencies, such as an earthquake. This is the fifth generator to be awarded to a nonprofit organization in the Puget Sound Energy service area. The Foundation is paying for a majority of the equipment and installation costs. It will be installed at the church in the coming months.

Since late summer, generators have been installed at four locations in the PSE service area to either create warming centers or to keep equipment running at food distribution centers:

- Upper Kittitas County Senior Center in Cle Elum
- Emergency Food Network of Tacoma and Pierce County in Lakewood
- Skagit Food Distribution Center on behalf of Community Action of Skagit County in Sedro-Woolley
- Senior Services of Island County near Langley

“This campaign is a \$1 million effort by PSE Foundation to award generators to deserving organizations over the next five years, with \$200,000 allocated each year. We think it’ll make a big difference in our communities, including on Bainbridge,” said Andy Wappler, PSE Foundation Chairman and President.

PSE Foundation is a nonprofit organization that operates independently of Puget Sound Energy. Its endowment comes from previous sales within Puget Energy, PSE’s parent company. None of the Foundation’s funds will ever come from PSE’s utility customers.

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