# Improving your reliability



OWNER OR OCCUPANT ADDRESS CITY, STATE ZIP

### **NE Bergman Road electric system upgrade**

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In an ongoing effort to deliver safe and reliable energy to you and your neighbors, Puget Sound Energy will be working on Bainbridge Island to upgrade the existing electric distribution system. This work entails replacing a portion of overhead electric wire with higher capacity tree wire. By installing tree wire in other locations, we've helped reduce power outages related to falling tree branches by up to 70 percent.

This work will contribute to improved electric reliability by giving PSE more options to restore power quickly and isolate problem areas during an outage. We're committed to completing our work safely and efficiently, and our crews will do their best to reduce impacts to nearby neighbors. Please see below for project details.

#### **Project details**

Who: Electric crews from PSE and Potelco

What: Replacing existing overhead wire with tree wire and related

electrical equipment

When: Starting mid-September and is expected to be approximately one

month of work

Project duration could vary based on weather and crew assignments

Work hours are typically Monday-Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Where: NE Bergman Road and a portion of Manzanita Road NE,

Bainbridge Island (See project map on reverse)

#### What is tree wire?

Tree wire is a specially coated overhead wire that's designed to prevent an electric short – and subsequent outage – when a tree limb falls into a power line. Where installed, it significantly reduces the frequency of tree-related outages, but can't prevent all disruptions (e.g., if an entire tree falls into a power line).

#### What you can expect

- Signs and traffic control flaggers will guide vehicles and pedestrians safely through the work zone
- There will likely be typical noise from trucks and heavy machinery during working hours
- Some customers may experience a brief, planned power outage as a result of this work. All impacted customers will be notified of any planned outages in advance

We're proud to serve in your community and aim to complete this work with as little disruption as possible. If you have any questions, please contact me at the information below and reference job #101102889. Thank you for your patience while we work to complete this project to improve your electric reliability.

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## NE Bergman Road electric system upgrade project map

