

PSE on bainbridge island



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Pictured: PSE crew member works to restore power to a downed power line.

Read on for information on how to participate and comment on PSE's Draft Clean Energy Implementation Plan. We're also sharing details for Energy Awareness Month, PSE's Community Solar Program, a recap of the electric and magnetic fields (EMF) information session, and KidsUp!'s Next Generation of Play at Battle Point Park on Bainbridge Island. Thank you for reading!



Puget Sound Energy invites public comment on Draft Clean Energy Implementation Plan

Puget Sound Energy submitted its draft plan for expanding use of clean energy to provide electricity customers with safe, reliable and affordable service. Filed with the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission (UTC), PSE's [Clean Energy Implementation Plan \(CEIP\)](#) charts a course of action for clean electricity programs and investments for the years 2022-2025, in accordance with goals set by Washington's Clean Energy Transformation Act (CETA).

This plan will move PSE forward to nearly 60 percent clean electricity by end of 2025 – well on the way to meeting its clean energy goals of net zero carbon emissions for all PSE operations and electric supply by 2030 and 100% carbon-free electric supply by 2045.

"While we know we don't have all answers to solve climate change today, we're excited for this positive step forward," said PSE President and CEO Mary Kipp. "This plan is the company's path forward for balancing our clean energy goals with customer expectations of uncompromised reliability, safety and affordability."

Energy is essential for communities, and the implementation plan outlines PSE's path to creating a better energy future for its customers and neighbors across the region. Strategies from the plan include:

- Significantly reduce nonrenewable energy sources from the electricity grid by the end of 2025.
- Ramps up our clean electricity resources, like large-scale wind and local solar energy projects that collaborate with homes and businesses.

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- Sets new direction for new local rooftop and ground solar and battery programs, as well as incentives to reduce energy use during peak periods.
- Ensure the benefits of the clean energy transition are distributed equitably, and provide a strong foundation for building a more inclusive, carbon-free future.

Washington's groundbreaking Clean Energy Transformation Act (CETA) requires utility plans to ensure that all customers benefit from the transition to clean energy. PSE's plan demonstrates a commitment to a public participation process that strengthens community ties and creates solutions that reflect those values. PSE conducted a thorough and thoughtful planning process in pursuit of strategies to better collaborate and consult with stakeholders, especially historically underrepresented populations.

As part of this commitment, PSE created the [Equity Advisory Group \(EAG\)](#), a diverse group of community leaders and representatives from community-based organizations to prioritize equity and lend their diverse and constructive voices to a process that ensures all customers and communities have access to and benefit from the transition to a clean energy future.

"I believe that we can be a model for regions around the world on what it means to have a clean energy future," said Kipp. "That outlook includes frontline community values and priorities to achieve a just and equitable clean energy future."

As part of its draft CEIP filing, PSE invites customers and the community to participate in a public comment period from Oct. 18 through Nov. 12. PSE will use the public feedback to improve the final plan, which gets submitted to the UTC on Dec. 17. People interested in commenting on the plan can visit pse.com/plan to provide their input.

PSE is leading utilities with its aspiration to equitably and sustainably reach beyond net zero carbon emissions by 2045. The CEIP is one many next steps to achieve that goal.



Energy Awareness Month

October is Energy Awareness Month! As a leader in the utility industry when it comes to green energy and efficiency, PSE knows there has never been a better time to look into ways you can save energy at home!

If you're looking to save even more, [check out our rebates](#) on upgrades to increase your energy efficiency and comfort all year long.



PSE's Community Solar program

PSE recently launched Community Solar, a new voluntary renewable energy option now available for customer subscription. We've partnered with schools and other local organizations to build multiple new solar energy installations across our service area that

energy generated by their share. There's no equipment to install or maintain to share the benefits of 100% local solar. Learn more and enroll today at pse.com/communitysolar.

Investing in electric reliability and grid modernization - project updates

Electric reliability on the island needs to be improved. In finding solutions, PSE committed to exploring new technologies. Our proposed plan is a [unique solution designed for Bainbridge Island](#) – combining new technologies and grid infrastructure to ensure safe, dependable power for families and businesses for years to come. We will partner with the community to implement these solutions.



Recap of electric and magnetic fields (EMF) information session

On Wednesday, September 29, PSE hosted an information session on electric and magnetic fields (EMF). Over 75 community members registered to attend, and participants asked dozens of thoughtful questions about the impacts of EMF.

Attendees heard from Andrew Thatcher, an independent board-certified health physicist,

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answered the public's questions about a wide variety of topics, including the impact of EMF on the body, the impact of wildfires on EMF levels, and the risk associated with lightning strikes and storm outages.

Thanks to all the Bainbridge community members who participated! This session is just one of many opportunities to engage with PSE's work on Bainbridge Island, so keep an eye out for future events where you can learn more about future projects and provide feedback.

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PSE feels strongly about being a good neighbor. We do this through our philanthropic commitment to the nonprofit communities we serve.



PSE Supports KidsUp! The Next Generation of Play at Battle Point Park on Bainbridge Island

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Energy helped make it happen on Bainbridge Island. KidsUp! The Next Generation of Play opened Labor Day weekend at the island's Battle Point Park, to rave reviews from kids and parents alike.

Designed for kids of all abilities and ages – even the merry go round is wheelchair friendly – the playground is a model for inclusion and shared play experiences. Centerpiece is the M/V KidsUp! a two-level play feature modeled after the Puget Sound ferry fleet. Northwest maritime-themed elements like climbable Orca whales and a delightful, secret octopus sculpture abound.

KidsUp! The Next Generation of Play is already a regional destination playground, getting rave reviews around the Seattle area. PSE is proud to sponsor a colorful new swing set, a perennial playground favorite.

Swings are a beloved classic component of every playground and such a stimulating way to experience movement, says Mary Meier, Bainbridge Island Parks Foundation Executive Director. "We're grateful to Puget Sound Energy for bringing joy to our kids and families with their generous sponsorship of KidsUp! The Next Generation of Play." Learn more about the KidsUp! The Next Generation of Play by visiting www.biparksfoundation.org/projects-highlights/kidsup/.

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