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Pictured: The Bainbridge Downtown Association's holiday tree

**Happy holidays!**

some announcements and recap the fun holiday.

## PSE moves closer to coal-free electricity years ahead of schedule

Puget Sound Energy is one step closer to having a coal-free generation mix with the sale of its share of Colstrip Unit 4 to NorthWestern Energy. Announced on Dec. 10, this deal will allow PSE to move faster clean energy its customers by eliminating nearly 50 percent of coal from its portfolio years ahead of schedule. Under Washington's Clean Energy Transformation Act, all electric utilities must eliminate coal-fired electricity from their portfolios by 2025.

"This is what our customers have been asking for, and we have been on a path to for years," said David Mills, PSE senior vice president of policy & energy supply. "We're excited to take this major step forward in creating a better energy future for our customers and the state of Washington."

The change in ownership is effective upon approval by the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission, which includes NorthWestern taking ownership of 185 megawatts (MW) from PSE. PSE has signed a power purchase agreement with NorthWestern for 90 MW until 2025 to facilitate the transition for both companies.

"While we are taking actions to fulfill our commitment to our customers, we also stay committed to the people of Colstrip," said Ron Roberts, PSE director of generation and natural gas storage. "We're proud to be the first Colstrip owner to set aside funding for the community's transition planning efforts through a \$10 million contribution to the Colstrip Community Fund. We will also remain in Colstrip for years through the decommissioning and remediation work."

owners of Colstrip Unit 3, which provides about 185 MW to the utility's customers. On average, 100 megawatts of coal generation serves approximately 78,000 households.

## Investing in electric reliability and grid modernization — project updates



### Apply for PSE's Community Sounding Board

Puget Sound Energy is convening a Community Sounding Board (CSB) to help inform our routing process for a new transmission line to improve electric reliability on Bainbridge Island.

The CSB will consist of a diverse group of people to engage in focused discussions during

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CSB discussions will inform PSE decisions regarding the transmission line route. CSB members will individually or collectively provide insight, input, values and feedback on criteria, route segments and other project-related topics identified by PSE.

The CSB will help inform the routing process for the new “missing link” transmission line between the Winslow and Murden Cove substations. The new transmission line will create a transmission system “loop” to improve electric reliability for families, schools and businesses.

## Apply today!

Apply for the Community Sounding Board [here](#)

Applications to join the CSB will be accepted through **Jan. 21, 2020**

To learn more about the new transmission line and how we’re investing in reliability and modernizing the grid, [visit pse.com/bainbridge](https://pse.com/bainbridge).



## Save the date!

Join us for an information session to learn how targeted conservation and demand response helps reduce demand and postpone the need for a new substation for at least 10 years.

The online information session is scheduled for **Wednesday, Jan. 29 from 6:30 – 7:30 p.m.** The session will be a one-hour online webinar with expert panelists and Q&A.

We'll provide more details about how to register for the event in a future update.

## Project presentation to Council

On Nov. 12, Andy Wappler, vice president of customer operations & communications, and Jens Nedrud, manager of system planning, shared our plans to improve electric reliability and modernize the grid on Bainbridge Island with the Bainbridge Island City Council. We appreciate the opportunity to talk and answer questions about this important package of



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## Sponsorships



Pictured: Argosy Christmas ship

## Bainbridge Island Downtown Association's holiday event

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We were proud to sponsor the Bainbridge Downtown Association's holiday tree lighting ceremony on Nov. 30. This year saw a large turnout, with over 800 families in attendance. Local performers spread the holiday cheer before Santa arrived on a fire truck to light the Christmas tree.

We handed out over 400 red flashing lights, which helped holiday revelers safely light the way from Winslow Green, where the tree was located, to the waterfront for the Argosy Christmas Ships parade and caroling.





## Winter Wonderland 2019

What a fun evening! We were there to join in the holiday cheer with almost 300 people who stopped by the Bainbridge Island Metro Park & Recreation District's fourth annual Winter Wonderland event.

Waterfront Park was abuzz with families enjoying the activities, such as the holiday craft station, Santa Claus, ice sculptures and live performances. We had many visitors at our booth and lots of children hoping to win a free prize by spinning the wheel. We were proud to sponsor this event and the holiday tree near the waterfront.

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