



News Release

Annual drawdown of Lake Tapps reservoir to commence Sept. 25

BELLEVUE, WA, September 1, 2000– Puget Sound Energy announced today that it will begin lowering the water level of the utility's Lake Tapps reservoir on Sept. 25.

The reservoir's water level could fall by 6 to 12 inches per day once PSE's Dieringer Power Plant generators, fed by the reservoir, begin running at full capacity, said Gene Galloway, operations manager of the PSE facility. Because of the rapid drop in water level, boat owners should make sure their boats are off the reservoir by Sept. 25, he said.

"We don't want anyone's boat to be left high and dry," Galloway said. Lake Tapps homeowner associations, he added, are being informed this week of the Sept. 25 deadline to ensure that boat owners have adequate notice about removing their water craft from the reservoir.

The PSE-owned Pierce County reservoir, a popular recreational site surrounded by hundreds of waterfront homes, traditionally has been kept full by PSE from Memorial Day through Labor Day. Each year, the lake's water level is gradually drawn down after Labor Day as PSE's power plant south of Auburn begins generating maximum, peak-season amounts of electricity.

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