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Subject: **2009 Energy Conservation Awards to Local Governments**

The Skagit Council of Government's (SCOG) Resource Conservation Management (RCM) Program recently issued several awards at its Quarterly Meeting in Burlington to recognize good energy conservation efforts and accomplishments in 2009. The following local jurisdictions were recognized for achieving a reduction in gross energy usage, measured in Btus, in facilities they own and operate for 2009 verses 2008:

- City of Sedro-Woolley
- City of Burlington
- City of Anacortes
- Skagit County
- Swinomish Indian Tribal Community
- Port of Anacortes
- Port of Skagit.

Special Recognition Certificates were presented by Kelley Moldstad, SCOG Executive Director, and Ric Boge, SCOG Resource Conservation Manager to recipients in each of the following categories:

- **2009 Outstanding Reduction in Energy Usage by a Single Facility: Anacortes Waste Water Treatment Plant – more than 12% reduction in gross energy use (1567 Million Btus)!**
- **2009 Outstanding Reduction in Energy Usage by Group of Facilities of a Department in One Jurisdiction: Skagit County Parks and Recreation Department – six facilities**

The Skagit Council of Governments is a voluntary association of general and special purpose units of local government in Skagit County. The Council is composed of elected officials representing: the cities of Anacortes, Burlington, Concrete, Hamilton, LaConner, Lyman, Mount Vernon, Sedro-Woolley; Skagit County, Skagit PUD, the Port of Anacortes, the Port of Skagit County, Skagit Transit, Swinomish Tribal Community and Samish Indian Nation.

with more than 10% reduction in gross energy use (collectively, 617 Million Btus)!

- **2009 Outstanding Reduction in Overall Energy Usage by a Jurisdiction: City of Sedro-Woolley – more than 6% reduction in gross energy use (603 Million Btus)!**
- **2009 Largest Reduction of its Facility-Related CO2 Emissions by a Jurisdiction: City of Burlington – a reduction of more than 86 tons of facility-related CO2 emissions!**
- **2009 Outstanding ‘Conservation Champion’ for Promoting Conservation at Work: Sara Young, Manager of Planning and Environmental Services for Port of Skagit!**
- **2009 Outstanding Facility Conservation Manager: Russ Pittis, Facilities Manager for City of Anacortes.**

The SCOG RCM Program is collaborative effort by the following local jurisdictions to contain utility costs and reduce utility use, especially energy utilities, in facilities they own and operate:

- City of Sedro-Woolley
- City of Burlington
- City of Anacortes
- Skagit County
- Swinomish Indian Tribal Community
- Port of Anacortes
- Port of Skagit
- PUD #1 of Skagit County
- Town of La Conner.

The Program was established in July 2008 when SCOG signed a 3-year, performance related grant agreement with Puget Sound Energy (PSE) to reduce electricity usage in facilities owned and operated by the participating jurisdictions. The goal is to reduce usage, primarily by no/low cost measures, by 8 % by 2011. With funding from the participating jurisdictions and the PSE grant, Ric Boge was hired to manage the Program in December 2008. With additional funding for 2-years from a federal energy efficiency stimulus grant awarded to Skagit County, a Data Entry Assistant was hired in January of this year to work on utility data entry 20 hours per week.

Puget Sound Energy helps to fund energy conservation programs such as this in order to reduce electricity demands on its system and thereby delay construction of costly, new electricity generating facilities.
