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### Suquamish Provide Comfort During Storm

*PME commits to adding more generators to increase services*

**SUQUAMISH, December 22, 2006-** Dozens of people living in North Kitsap and on Bainbridge Island waited out the lengthy power outages at their homes by visiting Suquamish Clearwater Casino Resort.

Though the large digital sign next to Highway 305 was out, a generator ensured that full services were available to guests throughout the ordeal. Many simply stopped by for a hot meal at one of the property's three restaurants. Free hot beverages and soda were also made available to everyone just looking for a place to warm up.

"It shows the hospitality of the people here and we appreciate it," said Northwest Utility Construction Coordinator John Looney.

Looney and his line crews were treated to a complimentary supper last weekend at Clearwater after working on storm-damaged power lines in the area.

Guests staying in the new resort hotel were also treated to as many creature comforts as possible. Though power to the building was limited, guests enjoyed a roaring fire in the Great Room and unlimited complimentary hot chocolate. Clearwater also voluntarily lowered hotel rates by 60 percent for guests during the outage.

"PME realizes how important services are to the community during times like these," said PME CEO Russell Steele.

In an effort provide even more services, PME has made a commitment to install new generators, fully powering the resort, Kiana Lodge and the Masi Shop. After installation, community members will have access to gasoline, warm food, meeting places and hotel rooms during lengthy power outages.

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