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City of Renton Supports Power Restoration Efforts by Turning off Holiday Lights

Renton, WA: In support of Puget Sound Energy's continued efforts to restore power, and responding to the need to conserve energy, the City of Renton will turn off holiday lights on Tuesday, December 19, and Wednesday, December 20, at Coulon Park, the Piazza in downtown Renton and at Renton City Hall. Holiday lights will be turned on again on Thursday, December 21.

Even though the holiday lights will be turned off, the restaurants at Coulon Park will be open and offer hot meals, if electricity is restored.

The city's shelter at the Highlands Neighborhood Community Center, 800 Edmonds Ave NE, will remain open tonight to assist storm victims in Renton. Meals will be offered at the shelter. Residents who need transportation to the center should call the shelter at 425-430-6744 to schedule a pick-up. The shelter has limited capability and those seeking shelter are asked to bring personal hygiene/maintenance items. It is recommended to bring items that will comfort children such as stuffed animals and games. Free showers are available at the Renton Community Center at 1715 Maple Valley Highway.

Residents are asked to be careful and remain in their homes for their own safety. To stay warm, wear extra clothing and use extra blankets. Residents are also urged to use caution and obey fire safety rules. Do not operate generators indoors; do not use gas barbecues or charcoal grills indoors; be careful with open flames; and never leave candles unattended.