Title: Challenges and Innovations at Peninsula Light

Speaker: Jafar Taghavi, CEO, Peninsula Light

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Abstract: PenLight was established in 1925 as an Electrical Cooperative that provides service to the Gig Harbor and Key peninsulas and three islands in the NW corner of Pierce County. The 32,500-meter co-op is surround by water and has only a single point of power delivery by Tacoma Power’s Potlatch Transmission system.

The rural location and lack of transmission diversity has presented the co-op with many challenges to serve their members and to meet their expectations for reliable service. Improving system reliability and finding a second point of power delivery has been their primary focus over the past ten years. CEO, Jafar Taghavi will discuss how PenLight has overcome these challenges to become one of the top performing rural utilities in the Pacific NW and nationwide as well.

Jafar Taghavi is the CEO of Peninsula Light.

In 1925 Peninsula Light Co. was founded as a member-owned electric cooperative located in Gig Harbor, WA and work began on the system. Since December 1926 when the system was energized, PenLight has served the Gig Harbor and Key Peninsulas, and Fox Island in western Pierce County. PenLight is a “full requirements utility” of the Bonneville Power Administration. The utility has grown to be the second largest cooperative in the Northwest, serving over 31,600 meters with 977 miles of line and 112 square miles of service territory. The company also provides service to 3,230 water consumers. (from penlight.org)