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## Suquamish Expand Retail Operations in North Kitsap

*Port Madison Enterprises opens Longhouse Texaco*

**SUQUAMISH-December 29, 2006-** Suquamish tribal members and Port Madison Enterprises executives turned out for the grand opening of the Longhouse Texaco early Friday morning.

"I hope everyone knows how important businesses like this one are to our people," said Suquamish Elder and PME Board Member Ivy Cheney during a ceremonial blessing for the new store.

The new Longhouse Texaco, located on State Highway 305 just north of the Suquamish Clearwater Casino Resort, is the fourth retail endeavor for the tribe. Other retail operations include the Masi Smoke Shop, Suquamish Village Shell and Suquamish Village Subway.

"PME is committed to diversifying the types of businesses owned by the Suquamish Tribe. The opening of the Longhouse Texaco is another step in that direction. We're also looking towards more opportunities for economic diversity and growth in the future," said PME CEO Russell Steele.

The property is designed to provide more upscale services to customers than those previously available in the area. In addition to standard service station amenities, the Longhouse Texaco offers specialty wine selections and an array of foods.

PME purchased the property in May 2006 and spent more than three months completely remodeling the building before the opening. Some of the new additions to the property include walk-in coolers, technologically sophisticated gasoline service areas and high-speed convection ovens.

PME, acting as an agency of the Suquamish Tribal Government, develops community resources while promoting the economic and social welfare of the Suquamish Tribe through commercial activities.

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