

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

Emergency Generator Installed at Hospital

-----Start-----

POMEROY, WA – Crews from Valley Electric work to complete installation of the replacement emergency generator this week at Garfield County Memorial Hospital. In spite of the severely cold weather crews worked through single digit temperatures to complete the project ahead of schedule.

During the change-over to the new generator the hospital staff coordinated two brief power outages necessary to complete the project. The hospital and EMS system went on temporary divert status for approximately two hours on Wednesday and Friday as crew installed the generator and transfer switch. Due to the brief nature of the outage the hospital was able to use a portable generator to provide continuous power to critical information and telecommunication systems and long term care residents were offered the opportunity to visit the un-effected side of the building for the duration.

The emergency generator replaces a 1948 Kayolite model that has been with the hospital since the original building was constructed. Voters approved the replacement in 2008 as part of a series of critical systems replacement projects being implemented by the district. Hospital staff welcomed the addition of the generator.



End

Contact: Andrew Craigie 509-843-1591 or 509-254-3248