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### **PSO ShowHouse to Showcase Energy Efficient Lighting**

Augusta, MAINE (May 31, 2005) When the doors to the PSO ShowHouse in Falmouth open for public tours starting next week, energy efficient lighting will brighten the front door, walkways, deck and garage on these newly decorated grounds.

Seagull Gull Lighting donated the external lighting through the Efficiency Maine Residential Lighting Program, and these lights will be permanently installed at the Rectory at St. Mary's Episcopal Church. The donated ENERGY STAR<sup>®</sup> light fixtures include five pole lamps; three carriage lamps; two hanging lamps and five security fixtures.

Additionally, ENERGY STAR light bulbs will be on sale in the PSO ShowHouse Boutique due to a donation from Philips Lighting. The bulbs, which normally retail for \$7.49, will be sold for \$3, with all the proceeds going to the Portland Symphony Orchestra.

"The Residential Lighting Program's goal is to demonstrate how easy it is to purchase and weave energy efficient lighting into your household," stated Richard Bacon, program manager of the Efficiency Maine Residential Lighting Program. "Once people learn that the bulbs last seven times longer than standard bulbs, purchasing ENERGY STAR lighting products makes sense."

For more electricity saving information and tips, and a list of retailers selling ENERGY STAR lighting products, visit [www.energymaine.com](http://www.energymaine.com). Efficiency Maine is a statewide effort to promote the more efficient use of electricity, help Maine residents and businesses reduce energy costs, and improve Maine's environment. The Residential Lighting Program is one of several programs offered to achieve this goal. Efficiency Maine is funded by electricity consumers and administered by the Maine Public Utilities Commission.