

Public Communications Report: January 15 – February 5, 2014

Between January 15 and February 5, 2014, the public submitted communications to Puget Sound Energy about the Energize Eastside project.

A few things to keep in mind about the report:

- This report includes communications from the public about the project via letters, comment cards at meetings, emails, website comments, voicemails, and phone calls.
- The report does not include those communications where commenters requested their comments not be shared with the public. In addition, the report does not include communications from the community advisory group or the media, nor does it include communications regarding meeting logistics.
- Email communications sent to energizeeastside@pse.com are sent an auto-reply. To the extent possible, communications requesting information are responded to by the PSE team.
- Phone conversations are summarized by the PSE staff member who took the call. These conversations appear [in brackets], as do summaries of in-person interactions.
- To the extent possible, all commenters are added to the project mailing list unless they request not to be on it.
- Personally-identifying data, such as name, phone number or address, have been removed from this report to protect privacy. The names of elected officials and public servants are not removed.

PSE - Energize Eastside - Communications (147 Total)

Date Received

from 1/15/2014 to 2/5/2014

Communication ID: 74072 - Website comment: Oppose segment L, support segment M

Communication (2/4/2014)

Website comment: Oppose segment L, support segment M

Thank you for the open house in Renton. It was well staffed and offered informative handouts and help. After looking it all over our conclusion is that the intelligent and logical choice of routes is to build upon the existing easement under Route M. It is already cleared, graded, maintained, accessible and leads directly to the Bel-Red corridor which will be the next big area of expansion for the Eastside. This route should save you and your customers millions of dollars since all the preparation work has already been done for you. Since this line has been there for decades, all the residents who live along it willing purchased their properties knowing it was there and they chose to live near it. The residents along the Westerly option had no idea they might have to share their properties with high voltage lines and towers. Please stick to the area that is already installed as it will have the least impact on your customers.

Secondly, many of the properties along Route L were once under water before the Ballard Locks were built. There is an enormous amount of ground water and drainage from Newport Hills, I405, etc. in this area. High voltage lines run along our property line and many years ago workers from Puget Power told us they would never live under those lines with the amount of ground water and run off our property deals with. They said it was not a safe situation - something about electricity and water not mixing? You will find many of the properties in my neighborhood are wet year around from springs that feed Lake Washington. We are also very concerned about any damage to the Bellevue water main that runs along our property and proposed route L.

Also, many parts of Route L are not easily accessible. I site the example of the pole that had to be replaced this Winter in Newport Shores along the railroad tracks. We had no power for days because of the problems of getting to the pole.

Thanks for considering our opinions.

[Name]

Communication ID: 74195 - Email: route question

Communication (2/5/2014)

Email: route question

Hello, I'm Gregg Zimmerman, CAG member for the City of Renton. A question has come up about route alignment M, which is the existing transmission line route through Renton. It was clarified that the existing 115 KV lines along this route would stay in service. If alignment M is selected, would these existing 115 KV lines be mounted on the new 230 KV poles? This is an important consideration, because if the existing "double H" poles were left in place along with the new 230 KV poles, the route would look very cluttered with transmission lines.

Second item (a request). Can you send me by e-mail a graphic showing what the new 230 KV poles will look like?

Thanks.

Sincerely,
Gregg A. Zimmerman, P.E.

Communication ID: 74196 - Email: Hydrology and segment L

Communication (2/5/2014)

Email: Hydrology and segment L

If PSE even did a rudimentary study of the hydrology of the 2-mile stretch of Lake Wash Blvd north of Coulon Park up to the end of Ripley Lane, all the underground water would make this area a poor choice. Homes along the shore have trouble with shifting foundations due to the water in the ground, so why wouldn't that affect a power line too?

And why would PSE chose to "defile" the most beautiful two mile stretch of roadway in the city of Renton?

Communication ID: 73873 - Website comment: Health, view, and property value impacts

Communication (2/2/2014)

Website comment: Health, view, and property value impacts

I am very concerned about the potential of increasing the capacity of the power lines that run directly behind our house, we worry about our health and the health of our grandchildren that stay with us often. In addition to health concerns we are very resistant to having larger, more imposing towers and lines obstruct our view and the diminish the value of our property.

[Name]

Communication ID: 73975 - Website comment: oppose segment L, support segment M

Communication (2/3/2014)

Website comment: oppose segment L, support segment M

The line along Lake WA blvd should NOT be used. It will be very unsightly and there is no excuse to use this route when a viable one that will not impact the Kennydale neighborhood or views is just a few miles away. Outrageous to even consider Lake WA blvd.

Communication ID: 74003 - Website comment: Distance to towers, EMF

Communication (2/3/2014)

Website comment: Distance to towers, EMF

My son recently passed away from a 2.5 year battle with a pediatric cancer (he was 5). I am wanting to know how close we live to high voltage power towers. Can you advise?

Communication ID: 74087 - Website comment: Opposed to B

Communication (2/4/2014)

Website comment: Opposed to B

I am shocked that PSE and the City of Kirkland would allow consideration of installing transmission mains through residential neighborhoods - placing long term residents closer to new power lines (B-line north of Bridle Trails) than we already are to existing power lines. I am totally against this.

Communication ID: 74205 - Email: Undergrounding community payment

Communication (2/4/2014)

Email: Undergrounding community payment

I am trying to find the basis for PSE's claim that the community has to pay for the incremental undergrounding of these NEW transmission lines.

I can find Washington State Code requiring communities to pay for undergrounding of EXISTING transmission lines, but I have found nothing that says communities have to pay for the undergrounding of NEW transmission lines.

Can you point me to the basis of PSE's claim that the community has to pay for the incremental undergrounding of these NEW transmission lines?

Thanks,

[name]

[email]

Communication ID: 73713 - Website comment: Oppose segment B, support segment C

Communication (1/30/2014)

Website comment: Oppose segment B, support segment C

Route B is a bad idea. There are too many homes and schools in the Bridle Trails and South Rose Hill neighborhoods in Kirkland to make this work. Use Route C further east instead.

Communication ID: 73714 - Website comment: Oppose segment L, support segment M

Communication (1/30/2014)

Website comment: Oppose segment L, support segment M

Hello,
I live on Lakehurst Lane in the Lake Lanes area just south of I-90. I am concerned about the suggested new route L for your Power Lines. It seems Route M is already a shorter direct line that would be more cost efficient, the homes along this routes already have High Voltage lines on them and their properties have values concurrent with the existing placement of these lines. By considering route L the expense due to a longer route would be greater, the impact to property values would potentially be greater and there are many 'choke' points that would provide for a difficult installation. I am involved in our community organization and we will keep attending meetings and providing our feedback. Thank you so much for listening.
[Name]

Communication ID: 73716 - Website comment: Oppose L, support M

Communication (1/30/2014)

Website comment: Oppose L, support M

I would like to make a strong recommendation in favor of your option M and opposed to your option L. Option L is a longer and less direct route between the two substations. Option L will have a large visual impact on the homes along its path. Option L will have a negative impact on the property values of the high priced homes along the Lake Washington waterfront. The taxes from these homes are a significant portion of the tax base for the City of Renton. This portion of Lake Washington Boulevard is not only a heavily used arterial but a popular scenic drive. Adding another larger power line will detract from the scenic value of this drive. The trees along this portion of Lake Washington Boulevard are popular perching spots for Bald Eagles who fish in Lake Washington. Several eagles use these trees every day. Interactions between Bald Eagles and 130kv power lines could be dangerous for both.

Communication ID: 73758 - Website comment: Eagle nests on segment L

Communication (1/30/2014)

Website comment: Eagle nests on segment L

I live [location]. From my driveway to the abandon railway, the topography is straight up over 40 feet. This steep hillside is covered in huge fir trees, as is the case all along Lakehurst Ln. These trees are home to many nesting eagles we have watched yr. after yr. Any idea of placing 100 ft. poles west of the railroad would be an environmental disaster and create a huge reduction in property values. I urge you to drop the "L" line option, and proceed with the "M" line which is where properties were bought with the knowledge of a power line easement.

Communication ID: 73788 - Website comment: peak loads, pole design

Communication (1/30/2014)

Website comment: peak loads, pole design

Interested in L segment.

1. What is Gaussian peak field now versus peak load of new lines.
2. Will new poles be added or replace existing power poles?
3. If new power poles, where will they be placed relative to existing?

Communication ID: 73789 - Website comment: property values, EMF

Communication (1/30/2014)

Website comment: property values, EMF

I live right next to the power line and I am against having new higher voltage steel power poles/lines and I am concerned of the property value as it may drop if a higher voltage power line is built. I am also concerned about health hazards for young children as we have many elementary school age kids in our neighborhood playing outside on the easement where the current power lines are.

Communication ID: 73794 - Website comment: oppose segment L, support undergrounding

Communication (1/30/2014)

Website comment: oppose segment L, support undergrounding

we only have one stretch of visible shoreline along the entire east side of the lake. That is between the Seahawks facility and coulon park. It is illogical and ill advised to put the lines along that fabulous and scarce view corridor. Particularly so when we have an exisiting corridor that can be used to the east. We should be putting the existing power lines along the shore under ground, Not putting up more.

Communication ID: 73795 - Website comment: oppose new corridors and segment L

Communication (1/30/2014)

Website comment: oppose new corridors and segment L

I strongly recommend against adding an additional transmission line corridor. I believe it would be much more advantageous to expand existing corridors wherever possible as opposed to adding additional lines. I further believe it would be a significant impact to the environment to add the transmission lines along the lake corridor.

Communication ID: 73797 - Website comment: oppose L, support M

Communication (1/30/2014)

Website comment: oppose L, support M

You already have an existing easement and a route with lines that could be upgraded along M (which will have a much better appearance) to residents with very few changes in direction which I've been told has some additional cost. The L proposal appears to require many changes in direction and to have a much greater negative impact on the environment, and the citizens living along Lake Washington Blv. The easement requirements along L would seriously encroach the homes along the lake, damage views on the many homes above Lake Washington BLV and cause the values of many homes to drop. After talking with many of the PSE representatives and getting a much better understanding of the issues I would advocate using Route M-K2-I. M is the only viable option in terms of degree of impact on a community and overall cost.

Communication ID: 73799 - Website comment: trails, vegetation, pipeline, cell towers, easements

Communication (1/30/2014)

Website comment: trails, vegetation, pipeline, cell towers, easements

1. Remove invasive weeds from power line easements; plant low growing natives and short trees to shade the ferns and such. The easements are sometimes our last wildlife habitat and corridor areas.
 2. Improve trails that are contained in easements. Provide gravel trails and nice native plants so that people walking on the trails in the power easements have a sylvan experience of being in nature and the power lines and poles are a secondary experience.
 3. Make sure cover on the Olympic Pipeline is adequate.
 4. At Renton Technical College, move the easement east to include the street so that poles can be positioned further from the college buildings and building heights and buildable areas may be increased.
 5. Limit the ugly cell towers and whips that are attached to your poles. Make sure only attractive cell panels are allowed on your structures.
- That's what I can think of right now.

I do prefer the existing easement for replacement of the existing poles with the newer more attractive poles... given that you include the above improvements.

Communication ID: 73801 - Website comment: oppose segment L, support segment M

Communication (1/30/2014)

Website comment: oppose segment L, support segment M

Route L introduces a new corridor that impacts a whole new group of customers. It not only detracts aesthetically impacting property values, but also impacts many surrounding neighborhoods that have lake and territorial views. It presents challenges with choke points, future I-405 expansion and use of the rail corridor by King County for the trail system.

Route M is an existing corridor in use since the 1920's that precedes most of the housing construction. Neighbors have built, bought and sold with full knowledge of the easement and property values have corrected to reflect this. There are no surprises! Impact on the existing corridor by adding the 230kV lines would be mitigated by improved cable materials the would reduce the noise pollution of the humming lines and by improved design that reduces EMF through phase cancellation. None of that will happen if route L is used.

In summary, using the existing corridors solves PSE (and the Eastside's) needs with the LEAST IMPACT ON THE FEWEST CUSTOMERS!!

Communication ID: 73803 - Website comment: segment M vs. segment L

Communication (1/30/2014)

Website comment: segment M vs. segment L

For the southern section, route M vs route L. If your are considering cost/maintenance as your first consideration then route M will be chosen.

If you are considering a line that is away from the most populated areas as a primary consideration then route L will be chosen.

As most people I have discussed this with and heard from at meetings say that you will choose route M. The people within those areas are less able to put any roadblocks in the path as those who reside within route L are.

Communication ID: 73805 - Website comment: Oppose segment L, support segment M

Communication (1/30/2014)

Website comment: Oppose segment L, support segment M

The L route is a HORRIBLE option. The shoreline areas along this part of Lake Washington are a public asset - offering beautiful views of the Lake and across to Seattle, the Olympics... The L corridor is very popular with walkers, joggers & cyclists. It connects a number of wonderful community parks like Gene

Coulon and Newcastle Beach Park. This corridor needs to be protected for use/enjoyment by people -- and we should look for ways to continue to enhance this experience. Putting electric transmission lines through this corridor is in direct conflict with the highest potential value that this corridor offers to all citizens of the Puget Sound.

The M option is already in use as a corridor for electric transmission lines. Adjacent development has been done with the existence of those lines factored in (e.g. platting, orientation of residential structures relative to the corridor...) Putting a larger capacity transmission line through here should do little to significantly harm adjacent property owners above and beyond any negative impact they are already sustaining.

Protect near shoreline areas for public enjoyment and let electricity flow via an different/more suitable route.

Thank you,

[Name]

Communication ID: 73807 - Website comment: Noise

Communication (1/30/2014)

Website comment: Noise

I just received a question from a resident of Olympus who is concerned about the possible noise that might be produced by 230 Kv transmission lines. Please discuss this and add the answer to the list of answers from the questions that I sent to you a couple of days ago. I will share your answers with all my neighbors.

Communication ID: 73849 - Website: impacts to Woodridge/Norwood Village

Communication (1/31/2014)

Website: impacts to Woodridge/Norwood Village

Could someone please share what impact, if any, your potential new lines may have on the Woodridge/Norwood Village neighborhood (just north of I-90 and just east of I - 405)? Many thanks.
[Name]

Communication ID: 73982 - Voicemail: 115 and 230 lines

Communication (1/31/2014)

Voicemail: 115 and 230 lines

Hi, this is [name], [phone number]. I had a good discussion with Jens Nedrud this week, and I just wanted to clarify one point about the amount of power on each of the segments that would connect the two substations. My understanding is that there would be one line of a 115 kilovolts and the other of 230 kilovolts, and none of them would have two lines of 230 kilovolts. I'm sending the information to our rep that goes to the community advisory group and I just wanna make sure that I am giving accurate information. So, it's [name], [phone number], and I did talk with Jens but anybody can call me. Thanks a lot. Bye-bye.

Communication ID: 74137 - Email: Agenda and materials for CAG meeting

Communication (1/31/2014)

Email: Agenda and materials for CAG meeting

Hi there!

When will the agenda and materials for the CAG's 2nd meeting on 12 February 2014 be posted to the Project web site?

RSVP/thanks,

[name]

Communication ID: 74192 - Voicemail: CAG representation

Communication (1/31/2014)

Voicemail: CAG representation

Please have someone call [name]. My cell phone is [phone number], this is in regards to the advisory committee for the expanded transmission line going through Bridal Trails State Park. Our sixty acre property is [organization], the address is [address], Bellevue [zip code]. Someone from our [organization] business would like to be on the advisory committee, so please contact us. My name is [name]. Thank you.

Communication ID: 73618 - Phone conversation: Olympic pipeline

Communication (1/28/2014)

Phone conversation: Olympic pipeline

[I called and spoke with [name].

She had multiple questions:

- where the Olympic pipeline was located along our routes – I explained that the pipeline runs

throughout our corridor from Redmond to Renton, except for parts of Somerset. I walked her through the pipeline location through Somerset. She was aware of BP's pipeline on her street.

- where along the routes there were existing transmission lines – I explained that 70% of the routes have existing transmission.
- how many lines were being rebuilt – there was some confusion regarding how many lines would have to be rebuilt in Segment J. I explained that both lines would be rebuilt with a total of 6 wires, 3 wires per line. One at 230 kV and the other at 115 kV.
- How many poles are needed to build in road ROW – We can hang both lines on a single structure along road ROW or in the existing Segment J corridor.
- Where the existing transmission lines are along our segments – I explained that this is not something we currently have on the website.

She lives on [street] downhill from segment J near [street]. She seemed to appreciate the feedback and willingness to take the time to answer her questions. When she has more she'll submit them to the website.

- Jens]

Communication ID: 73627 - Email: Interactive map issue resolved

Communication (1/28/2014)

Email: Interactive map issue resolved

OK thanks, this is working for me now.

Communication ID: 73629 - Email: Vegetation management

Communication (1/28/2014)

Email: Vegetation management

What trees will have to be cut down or cut back to accommodate these transmission lines? What are the "rules" about how trees will be cut down or cut back to maintain clearance on these lines in the future?

Communication ID: 73634 - Website comment: Olympus neighborhood questions

Communication (1/28/2014)

Website comment: Olympus neighborhood questions

I am the CAG representative for the Neighborhood of Olympus in Newcastle. I have several questions for you that residents of Olympus raised at yesterday's Homeowners Association meeting. Please address each question and send answers to my e-mail so I can share with my neighbors.

1. We currently have two sets of wooden poles: Will there be only one metal monopole if the new transmission lines go through Olympus?
2. Which side of the ROW will the poles be placed on? Currently some poles are on private property; will the large poles be placed on private property as well?
3. Will the new poles have three or six transmission lines?
4. How high will the new poles be? How much higher will they be than existing poles? How far apart will they be--how does this compare with the existing poles?
5. If you have a choice, why would you want to locate new higher transmission power lines by the Olympic petroleum pipeline. Would this present a possible danger? Has PSE been in contact with Olympic Pipeline to talk about this?
6. Why can't PSE use the existing Bonneville powerlines that go through this area to carry additional power?
7. Has there been any studies done to determine which route would affect a higher number of homes on the M route (Newcastle) or L route (Kennydale)? If so, which path borders more homes?
8. An electrical engineer in our group says the new transmission lines will provide 4x the amount of power that the current lines do. Why is this much more power needed?
9. Was the city of Newcastle paid a fee to allow the power lines to go through this city?
10. Residents of Olympus (especially those who have homes that border the power line ROW) are concerned about home values lowering as much as 20% if higher voltage power lines are built. (This number has been verified by a local realtor who has experience with selling homes next to power lines) Please comment
11. Residents of Olympus are concerned about the possible adverse health effects of higher voltage power lines. Please comment.
12. Could higher voltage power lines be under-grounded through Olympus? If so, how much would this cost and who would pay for it? Please comment

Thank you very much
[name]

Communication ID: 73649 - Website comment: segment M

Communication (1/29/2014)

Website comment: segment M

Hello,

I'm concerned about "M" on the map. I'm wondering if it's going to be running through my backyard. Could you please let me know, specifically, where "M" runs? I would appreciate it.

Thank you

Communication ID: 73650 - Voicemail: Meeting information

Communication (1/29/2014)

Voicemail: Meeting information

Hi, this is [name] from [organization] in Renton, and I was calling because there was not a lot of detailed information on the flyer that was sent out. Please call me back at the office at [phone number]. I did also call and leave a voicemail yesterday as well. Again, my phone number is [phone number]. Thank you. Bye-bye.

Communication ID: 73651 - Voicemail: Meeting details

Communication (1/28/2014)

Voicemail: Meeting details

Hi, my name is [name], and I manage the [name] Apartments in Renton. I was just calling because I had received a notification about the meetings that are being held, and I just had a few questions—please call me back here at the office at [phone number]. Thank you and have a great day. Bye-bye.

Communication ID: 73654 - Phone conversation: Project need, open houses

Communication (1/29/2014)

Phone conversation: Project need, open houses

[I returned [name]'s call, she asked basic questions. She stated she will likely attend our open house tomorrow. I advised her to learn more about our project and gave her our website. She stated she still feels like she doesn't "get it", what's the real issue? I explained the growth message, stating population and employment growth. I then asked if she travels I-405, she confirmed she does. I asked if traffic is bad, she said it is. I said that same kind of congestion, caused by growth, is also affecting the electric transmission system that serves eastside communities in the same way. She said she gets it now, and it makes sense that PSE would need to address this.]

Communication ID: 73655 - Website comment: route segments map

Communication (1/29/2014)

Website comment: route segments map

Trying to understand the proposed new route site. The maps on web site do not indicate what currently exists in terms of power lines; versus what are the new routes proposed. I do see that there are 2 existing substations, A and N. The other letters are not explained. Could you please provide a better explanation on the map about what these letters mean and what lines already exists versus new ones proposed. Thank you.

Communication ID: 73683 - Website comment: Bel-Red Road

Communication (1/29/2014)

Website comment: Bel-Red Road

Are the voltage lines coming up Bel-Red Road? Are they high voltage above ground or buried underground?

Communication ID: 73690 - Website comment: easements

Communication (1/29/2014)

Website comment: easements

I am curious as to whether easements will be needed in order to extend the transmission lines along corridors that are not currently occupied. If so, is the potential impact from not being in right of way (from a schedule standpoint) also being used in determining routes?

Communication ID: 73691 - Website comment: good tool

Communication (1/29/2014)

Website comment: good tool

This tool was very informational and easy to use. Looking forward to know what route will end up using.

Communication ID: 73700 - Website comment: cost of terrain, property values

Communication (1/29/2014)

Website comment: cost of terrain, property values

Live on pleasure pt In. Two comments. 1) Our neighborhood is an extreme pinch point with minimal width between the lake and I-405. The 100 ft corridor includes significant slopes on both sides and need to ensure accurate cost analysis when projecting the construction costs due to difficult terrain. 2) Current route property owners (in our neighborhood, the M route) procured their houses knowing the proximity to an undesired utility. In comparison, this would be new to the Lake Lanes and would have diminish our property values and views. Thank you and Jens did a great job answering my questions

Communication ID: 73701 - Website comment: opposing segment B

Communication (1/29/2014)

Website comment: opposing segment B

I realize that more energy needs to come to the Eastside, and am writing to let you know that I am opposed to proposed route "B" as shown on the map. I grew up on 116th Ave. My father built our house before I-405 was paved. As it is, the family house backs up to the freeway and now you are proposing powerlines practically in our front yard. Bridle Trails Park faces my front yard and it is somewhat of a respite from the freeway noise and pollution. Having powerlines there instead of undeveloped forest will lower my quality of life. Please consider what you are proposing and how it will negatively impact me and my family. As a long time resident of this area I ask that you abandon route B and instead opt for route C.

Communication ID: 73702 - Website comment: opposing segment B

Communication (1/29/2014)

Website comment: opposing segment B

I am writing regarding my objections with respect to the proposed route B in your "EnergizeEASTSIDE" project. This route will negatively impact Bridle Trails State Park, which I and my neighbors have fought to keep open and viable for many years. It is very discouraging to think that all the fundraising and work we have done trying to preserve what we have will be compromised by the addition of powerlines up 116th.

Also, I do not like the way that route B makes several "jogs" and passes by so many schools. Even though the claims are that there are no problems with EMF, I do not want to see powerlines running by our schools. The convoluted path of route B seems impractical and more expensive than using the more straightforward "C" route. Please adopt route option C and NOT NOT USE route B.

Communication ID: 73703 - Website comment: existing corridors on maps

Communication (1/29/2014)

Website comment: existing corridors on maps

I would like to be able to see where the existing PSE corridor is, related to the proposed new corridor routes. I would also like to see where the Seattle City Light and BPA power corridors run. I think many others would like to see this as well. Could you please make those routes clear on the map?

If A,C,E, etc. are where the existing 115KV lines are, could you please so indicate on the maps you are publishing? I think it is critical information for people to understand where the existing corridor is. That is critical information!

Communication ID: 73704 - Website comment: easement in railway corridor

Communication (1/29/2014)

Website comment: easement in railway corridor

Could you please provide details of PSE's easement for high voltage transmission in the railway right of way along Ripley Lane? When did PSE get this easement, from whom? Where is that information recorded?

Thank you.

Communication ID: 73717 - Comment form: Open House-Redmond

Communication (1/29/2014)

Comment form: Open House-Redmond

Any additional questions and/or comments about this project?
Interactive map should be as accurate as the aerial maps here tonight.

No notification given RE: CAG in DEC.
Why is HopeLink on the CAG? They don't even know why they're on it.

Communication ID: 73726 - Comment form: Open House-Redmond

Communication (1/29/2014)

Comment form: Open House-Redmond

Do you have any comments regarding the potential route segments?
I have a concern that the north portion of segment B that will run along NE 80th Street and then along 122nd Ave NE will reduce property values. The concern is that this new route will run past homes that have not had views or "quality of life" impacts that these new line will create. Real or imagined, the perception will be the reality.

What should PSE and the advisory group consider while discussing route segments?
Use existing dedicated easements rather than carving up neighborhoods to create new easements.

Any additional questions and/or comments about this project?
More emphasis on residential point source solar should be explored rather than just expanding distribution.

Communication ID: 73728 - Comment form: Open House-Redmond

Communication (1/29/2014)

Comment form: Open House-Redmond

Do you have any comments regarding the potential route segments?

I have a home along "J" route. Your wires are over my backyard, specifically my vegetable garden where I spend much time. I would like to know

1) what the EMF output is for my existing wires

2) what the EMF output would be on the new wires that would replace the old.

Also 3) I would like to know what the EMF output is being produced by your meter or the outside of my bedroom wall. I have a chronic health condition that is aggravated by high EMF's and would appreciate knowing this.

Also 4) is the EMF from the meter created all the time or what?

And 5) your meter measuring my electricity use, which sends information to your company – is this the same kind of "smart meter" that caused health problems for people in California or is it different – and if so, how is it different?

Communication ID: 73730 - Comment form: Open House-Redmond

Communication (1/29/2014)

Comment form: Open House-Redmond

Do you have any comments regarding the potential route segments?

We live along section C, just north of Bridle Trails SP. I definitely don't want to simply react with NIMBY, because I've had limited sympathy for others who have done so with other projects. So I'll limit my comments to the following. First, there is a gasoline pipeline in that same corridor and after the tragedy in Bellingham a few years ago, I'm quite concerned about safety during construction as well as any interference with the pipeline that could affect the ability to detect faults in the pipeline. I'd also like to express a desire for shorter poles through our neighborhood to minimize view disruption. I'm very glad that you are not proposing lattice towers. I guess the other concern is transmission noise. My wife has hearing that stretches up to the extreme high frequencies for humans, and she's very annoyed by humming sounds. I would hope that minimizing noise would be a priority for you through residential areas.

Any additional questions and/or comments about this project?

My NIMBYish response aside, it looks like you are doing a good job with this project.

Communication ID: 73827 - Comment form: Open House-Redmond

Communication (1/29/2014)

Comment form: Open House-Redmond

Do you have any comments regarding the potential route segments?

I think we should not select segment "L". Here is why:

1)By selecting segment "L" it will have bigger impact on property values as well as on property tax revenues for to the city. Segment "M" already has 115 kv power lines on it. It was built in 1930s. Most of the houses along "M" were built after the existance of the power line. People have been building, buying and selling homes based on the exitence of the power line. Upgrading "M" to 230kv will have minimal impact on segment "M". Currently there are no power lines on segment "L". By adding a new high voltage power line will greatly decrease the property value for houses on "L". Also, many homes on segment "L" are high end waterfront properties and will be decreased even more. Decrease of property values will eventually decrease the property taxes going into the city, especially reduce the tax revenue supporting our schools.

2) Picking segment "L" will have bigger environmental impact. Segment "L" is on Lakeshore of Lake Washington and have many animals and wildlife living there. Building a new 230kv power line will disturb the wildlife in this area. While segment "M" has been there for decades. Upgrading segment "M" to 230kv will have minimal impact on environment.

3) Segment "L" currently does not have power lines. In some area, the land is very narrow and the power lines will be very close to existing homes. It will increase the risk of health concerns introduced by high voltage power lines. Although health risk is not a very clear in current study, science is always a process of discovering. It is common sense that high voltage power lines will have impact on human health at certain degree. And if future scientific study discovers that, power lines have bigger impact on human health than we currently think, it will put us in a very bad position since the power lines cannot be moved once they are built. In summary I think that we should pick segment "M" instead of "L" as our choice for "Energize Eastside"

Communication ID: 73829 - Comment form: Open House-Redmond

Communication (1/29/2014)

Comment form: Open House-Redmond

Do you have any comments regarding the potential route segments?

I would like to know the technical rationale for Routing Option B traversing NE 80th St and 122nd Avenue past these schools and multitudes of residences.

A route passing directly west on 90th to I-405 or using NE 80th Street (a major arterial) would provide more opportunities with fewer impacts (except for the elementary school on NE 90th)

What should PSE and the advisory group consider while discussing route segments?

Dig into the technical routing choice details and the weights given to variables in the model. A model is only as good as its inputs.

Trust the advisory group to provide valuable community input that is more insightful than our model.

Communication ID: 73834 - Comment form: Open House-Redmond

Communication (1/29/2014)

Comment form: Open House-Redmond

Do you have any comments regarding the potential route segments?

Itemized Streets and cross streets for each segment

Communication ID: 73933 - Email: Seattle City Light line

Communication (1/29/2014)

Email: Seattle City Light line

Dear PSE

I have just reviewed your response to my question about using the existing Seattle City light transmission corridor for the additional lines needed by PSE. I find your response a non answer. We are all part of the greater Seattle community and if the existing corridor makes the best economic and practical sense then the fact Seattle City Light does not like it should not stop the use of the corridor to the maximum extent. Is PSE choosing not to follow up on this option because you have the power of eminent domain so you can force another route and you know you can recover any additional cost from the rate payers?

Thank you for your time.

[name]

Communication ID: 73977 - Voicemail: Meeting time and location

Communication (1/30/2014)

Voicemail: Meeting time and location

Hi, I wanted to find out where that meeting for the Energize Eastside, I don't know, they're having meetings to talk about it answer questions. I wanted to find out where and when the meeting is, so if you could call me, my name is [name] [phone number]. Thank you. Bye.

Communication ID: 73979 - Voicemail: Meeting time and location (2)

Communication (1/30/2014)

Voicemail: Meeting time and location (2)

Hi, I'm trying to find out where the meeting tonight is about Energize Eastside's community meeting. I'd like to find out where the meeting is and this is the second time I've called, nobody's called me back. Thanks, the phone number is [phone number], address is [address], Bellevue WA. Thank you! Bye.

Communication ID: 73987 - Open house comment - 115 kV existing system

Communication (1/29/2014)

Open house comment - 115 kV existing system

[The Load Density Heat map does not appear to accurately reflect the existing 115kV system. This added confusion to attendees. It was suggested that it would be nice to have a map that overlapped the existing transmission system with the proposed routes so that it was clear where new lines would be required where non-existed now.]

Communication ID: 73988 - Open house comment - WSDOT employee

Communication (1/29/2014)

Open house comment - WSDOT employee

[To one attendee, it was suggested that I-405 was the obvious choice. This individual stated that he works with WSDOT and was questioning how hard we really pushed them to get a definitive “no”.]

Communication ID: 73990 - Open house comment - structure question

Communication (1/29/2014)

Open house comment - structure question

[Could we use a three pole structure with the conductor in a triangular configuration instead of steel? This would be less industrial in appearance and less intrusive.]

Communication ID: 73992 - Open house comment - Route B

Communication (1/29/2014)

Open house comment - Route B

[At the north end of the route, it seems odd that PSE would go through neighborhoods (122nd Ave. NE) vs. heading west along NE 80th St.]

Communication ID: 73993 - Open house comment - Bird impacts

Communication (1/29/2014)

Open house comment - Bird impacts

[Questions were asked about avian protection.]

Communication ID: 74015 - Comment form: Open House-Renton

Communication (1/30/2014)

Comment form: Open House-Renton

PSE would appreciate your feedback on the Energize Eastside project. The L leg that follows the shore of Lk. Washington, along Lk. Wash. Blvd & the RR tracks/trail, is totally unacceptable. It would add tremendous negative visual impact to the Kennydale neighborhood, which all slopes towards the lake the views cherished by all home owners (to say nothing of the value added by the views). To add another set of poles & wires 100 ft. high is unconscionable.

Communication ID: 74019 - Comment form: Open House-Renton

Communication (1/30/2014)

Comment form: Open House-Renton

Do you have any comments regarding the potential route segments?
The route through Newport Hills seems to make the most sense since replacing the existing wood poles with newer, better working metal poles, would not only enhance the right of way, but would also disturb far fewer people. An upgrade is always easier to "sell" vs. a new development.

Communication ID: 74022 - Comment form: Open House-Renton

Communication (1/30/2014)

Comment form: Open House-Renton

Do you have any comments regarding the potential route segments?
A Gate and Fence to prevent dirt bikes and 4 wheel drive truck going up under the power line would be very helpful.
A prime candidate would be just south of 95th way on the M Line. Even now it would be a great help.
Thanks.

Communication ID: 74023 - Comment form: Open House - Renton

Communication (1/30/2014)

Comment form: Open House - Renton

What should PSE and the advisory group consider while discussing route segments?

1. How will buried lines be paid for? Local Comm?
2. Why would you NOT stay w/the already designated areas on M route?
3. Doesn't it cost more to change directions of each turn of the power lines? If so, wouldn't that cost more along the lake? If so, why would you do that?

Communication ID: 74026 - Comment form: Open House-Renton

Communication (1/30/2014)

Comment form: Open House-Renton

Do you have any comments regarding the potential route segments?

My question deals with the sub-area committees. Newcastle/Renton are on the same committee yet I don't see how they will reach a consensus when Newcastle will most likely not want the route M and Renton/Kennydale won't want route L.

Communication ID: 74029 - Comment form: Open House-Renton

Communication (1/30/2014)

Comment form: Open House-Renton

Do you have any comments regarding the potential route segments?

As a resident of the Woodridge Community, I would like to see the park-like area along the G-1 route maintained. It currently serves as a buffer of sorts between our neighborhood & the I-90 freeway. Every effort should be made to preserve the mature trees in that area.

Also, I prefer the "M" route for the power lines. The "L" route appears to be very close to Gene Coulon Park & I think it would mar the beauty of the park.

What should PSE and the advisory group consider while discussing route segments?

Please avoid routes that cut through park areas if possible.

Retain as much mature, natural vegetation along the route as possible.

Any additional questions and/or comments about this project?

This open house was excellent. I appreciate the chance to talk to experts about concerns (placement of equipment, EMF issues, etc.) and get honest answers. Everything is on the table for us to see.

Your displays and graphics - especially the large route maps - are invaluable to understanding how the new power grid might affect us. Kudos to your team for your preparation - it's obvious you've put a lot of time into organizing a large amount of information in an easily understandable way.

Communication ID: 74030 - Comment form: Kennydale Neighborhood Association briefing

Communication (1/28/2014)

Comment form: Kennydale Neighborhood Association briefing

PSE would appreciate your feedback on the Energize Eastside project.
For all the reasons discussed, it seems very obvious that the new transmission line should be placed where the "M" line currently (no pun) is located.

Communication ID: 74032 - Comment form: Kennydale Neighborhood Association briefing

Communication (1/28/2014)

Comment form: Kennydale Neighborhood Association briefing

PSE would appreciate your feedback on the Energize Eastside project.

US Fish & Wildlife states no high tension power lines in eagle feeding area. Kennydale has already taken quality of life reduction from 405 noise/pollution, airport air traffic noise, lake jet ski/motorboat noise/pollution, coming mass transit train noise coming soon. We should spread the noise/pollution and lower quality of life across all neighborhoods. Kennydale is swamped with low quality of life issues. High tension power would be way more issues than other neighborhoods.

Communication ID: 74062 - Comment form: Open House-Renton

Communication (1/30/2014)

Comment form: Open House-Renton

Do you have any comments regarding the potential route segments?

1. We have one of your current lines and your first choice for the new route going right behind our house. However, when ever there is a power outage (ie it snows) it seems like we are often among the last customers to have power restored. If the new line is put in on this route, will this situation get better or worse?
2. How long is the construction process anticipated to take?

What should PSE and the advisory group consider while discussing route segments?
The potential impact on the residents along the route.

Any additional questions and/or comments about this project?

What is the possibility of temporary closures of our access road during this construction and what would be the probable length of these closures?

Communication ID: 74066 - Comment form: Open House-Renton

Communication (1/30/2014)

Comment form: Open House-Renton

Do you have any comments regarding the potential route segments?

We live along Lake Washington Blvd in the Lake Lanes area. The L Route would run along our property. These lanes from Bagley Ln at the north end to Ripley Lane and Kennydale to the south are being squeezed by the expansion (already planned but not funded) of the I-405 freeway, the railroad tracks (potential plans for light rail, trail & perhaps reinstatement of the freight train) and the high capacity power poles of PSE. We understand the need for the power lines but feel that the M route would make more sense.

Any additional questions and/or comments about this project?

I think that all of the things mentioned above should be considered as a whole and not just a PSE issue. Because there are so few homes along this narrow strip of land, we often feel unheard. We'd certainly appreciate your consideration from our point of view. Thank you. [name]

Communication ID: 74070 - Comment form: Open House-Renton

Communication (1/30/2014)

Comment form: Open House-Renton

Do you have any comments regarding the potential route segments?

Trees falling on power lines (distribution) along Lake Lanes and 115kV lines and causes outages. Concerned w/outages from trees. Old growth maple trees are long. Please get in touch with me about these tree related outages.

Communication ID: 74071 - Comment form: Open House-Renton

Communication (1/30/2014)

Comment form: Open House-Renton

Do you have any comments regarding the potential route segments?

Existing line replace with a 500 kV line. Upgrade all the substations and switches.

What should PSE and the advisory group consider while discussing route segments?

Environmental issues

Communication ID: 74073 - Comment form: Open House-Renton

Communication (1/30/2014)

Comment form: Open House-Renton

Do you have any comments regarding the potential route segments?
It would be nice to keep the power lines away from existing homes. If the PL will follow an existing put the line under the ground following the existing road easement.

What should PSE and the advisory group consider while discussing route segments?
All segments make up the "whole system" but some segments are more difficult to make/build regardless. All the users need the services so should pay the same route.

Any additional questions and/or comments about this project?
Have all possible routes been explored such as using the High Capacity line which all ready exists?
Has there really been any studies on the cost of upkeep & repair of underground wire verses overhead.

Communication ID: 74085 - Comment form: Kennydale Neighborhood Association Briefing

Communication (1/28/2014)

Comment form: Kennydale Neighborhood Association Briefing

PSE would appreciate your feedback on the Energize Eastside Project.
We should save the rail corridor for trails and light rail. King County needs more mass transit either by rail or bike trails that can link up the trails. I am concerned with the bald eagles and osprey who feed and nest along the L route. They will nest on the new power lines and they feed along the lake. I live above Bernnett Ave and have had both eagles and osprey in my yard. There are also a lot of springs along the route that could be a problem.

Communication ID: 74094 - Comment form: Open House-Renton

Communication (1/30/2014)

Comment form: Open House-Renton

Do you have any comments regarding the potential route segments?
Prefer that route "J & M" be followed rather than "L" since power lines already exist there. Lake views would be obstructed if "L" route was taken.

Communication ID: 74095 - Comment form: Kennydale Neighborhood Association Briefing

Communication (1/28/2014)

Comment form: Kennydale Neighborhood Association Briefing

PSE would appreciate your feedback on the Energize Eastside Project.

If you're feeding Redmond why not feed from Fall City (source). Use your existing corridor.

Communication ID: 74096 - Comment form: Open House-Renton

Communication (1/30/2014)

Comment form: Open House-Renton

Do you have any comments regarding the potential route segments?
Our decision to buy along the "L" now hinges on chance of new line going in i.e. not interested in living next to new transmission line. The people along segment "M" already have made that choice.

Any additional questions and/or comments about this project?
Buying property @ [address] is abutting row along segment "L"

Communication ID: 74097 - Comment form: Open House-Renton

Communication (1/30/2014)

Comment form: Open House-Renton

Do you have any comments regarding the potential route segments?
Please find away to prevent vehicles from driving under the power line. Dirt bikes and 4 wheel drive make a lot of noise. Then there are the drinking parties in the summer until 4am during the week. I have to work so it is horrible.
Regards

Communication ID: 74098 - Comment form: Open House-Renton

Communication (1/30/2014)

Comment form: Open House-Renton

Do you have any comments regarding the potential route segments?
Puget Energy has a H pole wooden line running through the end of my property. I would like to know if a decision is made if it will impact my property. I would appreciate being kept informed.

Communication ID: 74099 - Comment form: Open House-Renton

Communication (1/30/2014)

Comment form: Open House-Renton

Do you have any comments regarding the potential route segments?

Yes. I believe there should be utilization of existing transmission line corridors wherever possible as opposed to adding more routes. I appreciate having electricity but transmission lines are a significant negative impact to a residential environment. Don't expand your footprint!

If additional route capacity is needed I believe there should be greater cooperation with Seattle City Light and more of a regional perspective to the problem as opposed to each utility company operation on its own.

What should PSE and the advisory group consider while discussing route segments?
Environmental impact. Environmental issues.

Any additional questions and/or comments about this project?

The decision making process is not well defined and has not been communicated satisfactorily. The advisory committee has a certain number of seats but there are neighborhoods without a "seat" on the committee. An alternate seat provides very little effect to the process. Some neighborhoods have "seated" representation who are likely to have an inherent bias to the selected route. Other neighborhoods with opposing biased interest do not have a seat at the table. This makes the process seem unfair and likely to cause for unfavorable result.

Communication ID: 74100 - Comment form: Open House-Renton

Communication (1/30/2014)

Comment form: Open House-Renton

Do you have any comments regarding the potential route segments?

Has PSE considered the wildlife that exists along the rail corridor where segment L would be built? We observe the animal migration patterns of bald eagles who make the fir trees along this corridor for resting and teaching young eagles to fish. Every year on Lakehurst we find fish on the road that have been dropped by juvenile eagles leaving to carry a fish and land on a branch simultaneously. This is but one example of the density of wildlife in this area.

What should PSE and the advisory group consider while discussing route segments?
All wildlife needs water. The rail corridor is a conduit to the lake and construction in this area will cause untold harm to the wildlife in this area.

Further the construction will cause massive silt transport to the lake and permanently destroy the salmon spawning habitat. The silt persists for years after the silt fences are removed and moves one direction - toward the lake.

Communication ID: 74101 - Comment form: Kennydale Neighborhood Association Briefing

Communication (1/28/2014)

Comment form: Kennydale Neighborhood Association Briefing

PSE would appreciate your feedback on the Energize Eastside Project.

I can't understand the logic of above grade power poles in an improving waterfront community. We should be paying to bury power lines, not install new ones and blocking water views. This is 2014 not 1950. Why not use the existing corridor and upgrade that?

Communication ID: 74102 - Comment form: Kennydale Neighborhood Association Briefing

Communication (1/28/2014)

Comment form: Kennydale Neighborhood Association Briefing

PSE would appreciate your feedback on the Energize Eastside Project.

Thank you for sharing the project info with us. Mr. Wopler did an excellent job describing the options and fielding questions.

While we understand the interest to claim and make use of the rail corridor for utilities (and specifically power), it is difficult to believe the "L" option offers any benefits over the "M" option. I'm glad you are evaluating options, but save our cash and choose "M".

Communication ID: 74103 - Comment form: Kennydale Neighborhood Association Briefing

Communication (1/28/2014)

Comment form: Kennydale Neighborhood Association Briefing

PSE would appreciate your feedback on the Energize Eastside Project.

Do not use railroad line along lake for power line path

Communication ID: 74117 - Comment form: Kennydale Neighborhood Association Briefing

Communication (1/28/2014)

Comment form: Kennydale Neighborhood Association Briefing

PSE would appreciate your feedback on the Energize Eastside Project.

I strongly urge PSE to locate new high capacity lines along the _existing_ Line "M" and not along beautiful Lake WA Blvd. The issues of water, springs liquidification in case of earthquake(s) in highly populated areas is quite problematic.

Communication ID: 74118 - Comment form: Kennydale Neighborhood Association Briefing

Communication (1/28/2014)

Comment form: Kennydale Neighborhood Association Briefing

PSE would appreciate your feedback on the Energize Eastside Project.

NO not in lower Kennydale

Communication ID: 74119 - Comment form: Kennydale Neighborhood Association Briefing

Communication (1/28/2014)

Comment form: Kennydale Neighborhood Association Briefing

PSE would appreciate your feedback on the Energize Eastside Project.

If the new line H along the corridor happens - why can't the 115 CVA lines be removed on Lake Washington Blvd?

All underground is preferable!

Partnership with BPA & Seattle City Light?

Are you going to help us reduce our property taxes with King County - being you are ruining our view?

Communication ID: 74121 - Comment form: Kennydale Neighborhood Association Briefing

Communication (1/28/2014)

Comment form: Kennydale Neighborhood Association Briefing

PSE would appreciate your feedback on the Energize Eastside Project.

1. Underground seepage along 2 mile stretch of Lake Washington Blvd N. Ask homeowners on Ripley Lane about their foundation slipping. Suggest Buz & Pat Dana.

2. Most scenic drive in the city - no place for these towers.

3. Do not cater to owners of 1000 unit apt complex and 800 unit hotel planned for exit 7 area.

Communication ID: 74122 - Comment form: Kennydale Neighborhood Association Briefing

Communication (1/28/2014)

Comment form: Kennydale Neighborhood Association Briefing

PSE would appreciate your feedback on the Energize Eastside Project.

Please don't add anymore electric poles on L. We would like to see them build underground or use M corridor to provide or upgrade. Please don't block our view. It's beautiful view for our neighborhood, bikes & joggers & walkers. Thanks.

Communication ID: 74123 - Open house comment - gas pipeline

Communication (1/30/2014)

Open house comment - gas pipeline

Route M has a gas pipeline - 2 of them!

[Drawing of a cloud or explosion]

Communication ID: 74124 - Open house comment - L vs M

Communication (1/30/2014)

Open house comment - L vs M

Rout L is ridiculous. You have an existing corridor on Route M, that your staff indicates is very feasible to retrofit. Use it!

Communication ID: 74125 - Open house comment - M Route

Communication (1/30/2014)

Open house comment - M Route

"M" Route should be used given that the infrastructure is already in place.

Communication ID: 74127 - Open house comment - Route M

Communication (1/30/2014)

Open house comment - Route M

M Route should be used. It doesn't make sense to create a new corridor impacting new neighborhoods, when an existing accepted corridor can meet the needs.

Communication ID: 74128 - Open house comment - L Route

Communication (1/30/2014)

Open house comment - L Route

Please consider comprehensive plan for segment L: rail, trails, I-405 widening, Lake Washington Blvd widening.

Communication ID: 74131 - Email: Problem accessing website documents

Communication (1/29/2014)

Email: Problem accessing website documents

When I try either location I get the following error message:

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Server Error in '/' Application.

Runtime Error

Description: An application error occurred on the server. The current custom error settings for this application prevent the details of the application error from being viewed remotely (for security reasons). It could, however, be viewed by browsers running on the local server machine.

Details: To enable the details of this specific error message to be viewable on remote machines, please create a <customErrors> tag within a "web.config" configuration file located in the root directory of the current web application. This <customErrors> tag should then have its "mode" attribute set to "Off".

<!-- Web.Config Configuration File -->

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<configuration>
<system.web>
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</system.web>
</configuration>
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Notes: The current error page you are seeing can be replaced by a custom error page by modifying the "defaultRedirect" attribute of the application's <customErrors> configuration tag to point to a custom error page URL.

<!-- Web.Config Configuration File -->

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<configuration>
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</system.web>
</configuration>
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Communication ID: 74198 - Open house request: Copy of advisory group list

Communication (1/29/2014)

Open house request: Copy of advisory group list

[[name], [address], asked to be mailed a copy of the Community Advisory Group membership list.]

Communication ID: 73221 - Email: map question

Communication (1/15/2014)

Email: map question

Hi,
This doesn't show where the lines will be, only lines on a map. I am looking for detailed information that would tell me actual streets/cross streets so I know exactly what is being proposed.
Thanks.
[name]

Communication ID: 73235 - Voicemail: upcoming Bellevue meeting

Communication (1/15/2014)

Voicemail: upcoming Bellevue meeting

Yeah, I have a question, I have received a card about this in mail today and I was wondering. I had saw that there was something in Bellevue on the 22nd and it isn't listed on this card. I was wondering if you could give me a call and let me know if that's been cancelled, or what's going on my name is [name], my phone number is [phone number]. Thank you. Bye.

Communication ID: 73238

Communication (1/15/2014)

We live in Somerset and wish to express our opposition to having additional high-powered electric lines run through our densely-populated residential community. Our neighborhood already has the existing power lines and the Olympic Pipeline running right over and under our homes. We already carry more than our share of the burden of our region's infrastructure needs. Our neighborhood is organizing opposition to the additional lines for the health and well-being of our neighbors.

=== NOTES ===

I live in Somerset and our neighborhood is opposed to having additional high-powered electric lines run through our densely populated community. We already have the existing lines and the Olympic Pipeline. We are carrying enough of the burden of the region's infrastructure needs already. Thank you.

Communication ID: 73248

Communication (1/16/2014)

Hi there!

1. Are there any preliminary cost estimates for the 6 route alternatives; if not, will this information be provided to the Project CAG, and when will such estimates be provided?
2. What are the primary criteria that PSE will use to select the preferred route?

Communication ID: 73254

Communication (1/16/2014)

I note that you have open houses in Redmond and Renton, but I do not see one scheduled for Bellevue???

The map is confusing: what does the "F" square refer to? That would be on or very close to Norwood

Village/Woodridge neighborhoods, correct?

Communication ID: 73260

Communication (1/16/2014)

Why is there no 'open house' scheduled for the City of Bellevue? From the map, it appears that the various routes being considered seem to be concentrated more in Bellevue than they are in Redmond.

RSVP

Communication ID: 73262 - Website comment: Health, trails

Communication (1/16/2014)

Website comment: Health, trails

My property line is about 10 feet from where the existing medium voltage power lines run. This is the area where you are proposing installing high voltage power lines. I just moved to this property in May. Had I known you were considering this, I likely would have not purchased this property. I am concerned about the health affects for myself and my children of being so close to the high voltage power lines. Currently the area under the medium voltage power lines is used by many as a walking trail. Will this be possible when high voltage power lines are constructed? I am also concerned about my home value decreasing if you build these high voltage power lines. Will you be compensating home owners who have property which directly back to power line right of ways for lost property values? Please comment.

=== NOTES ===

Communication ID: 73269 - Voicemail: Bellevue meeting

Communication (1/16/2014)

Voicemail: Bellevue meeting

Yes, I was calling to find out: will there be one of these meetings in Bellevue? My name is [name], [phone number]. Thank you.

Communication ID: 73270 - Email: Seattle City Light easement

Email: Seattle City Light easement

Have you researched purchasing Seattle City Lights Easement for a second 2 circuit transmission line that parallels I405 from Sno-King to Talbot substation?

Communication ID: 73274 - Voicemail: Energize Eastside project

Communication (1/17/2014)

Voicemail: Energize Eastside project

Yes, this is [name]. Please return my call, my number is [number], regarding the Redmond to Renton high-transmission proposal that you are considering under the Energy-wise Eastside plan. Thank you.

Communication ID: 73300

Communication (1/18/2014)

As a homeowner who resides on 122nd Ave NE in Kirkland, I am opposed to the construction of additional high voltage utility lines near my home. The potential health risks of living between two massive high voltage lines (already have them on 124th) and the decreased property values that would occur are only two of the many concerns that I have about this proposal.

Please reconsider section "B" (or at least reconsider the section running down 122nd Ave NE) of PSE's plans. Thank you!

Communication ID: 73347 - Email: Commercial benefits v. customer costs

Communication (1/18/2014)

Email: Commercial benefits v. customer costs

I am responding to PSE's plans to build the power system for growth.

Our family has lived on the Eastside since 1961. We have witnessed and paid for many upgrades and expansions of the power system during that time. We never wanted the explosive increase in commercial business and yet had to pay for it. Now the commercial interest groups and the cities have mapped out plans for even more growth of mainly business type enterprises for which the existing customers are being asked to fund. We strongly object. We believe that those who need the expansion should pay for it.

Please respond,

[name] and [name] [zip]

Communication ID: 73351 - Website comment: 1-405, L and H, birds

Communication (1/21/2014)

Website comment: 1-405, L and H, birds

The FAQ says the DOT prohibits you from routing along I405, yet you have proposed options L and H on the map that follow 405.

There are two problems with L and H. First, a tower 90+ feet high obstructs view property of the homes in Newport Hills/Lake Heights from Coal Creek, south, down thru Renton. It also obstructs the views of the foothills and mountains on the east side of Mercer Island.

Second, eagles, hawks, ospreys, and falcons nest and hunt along this route. Tall towers will get in the way and are likely to kill some of wildlife. Why not use the existing right of way for the second tower rather than create a whole new route??

Communication ID: 73383 - Email: Route criteria

Communication (1/21/2014)

Email: Route criteria

Hi there!

I recently sent in a new question concerning PSE's 'criteria' for selecting the 'preferred' route for the new transmission line links: any chance for a reply?

RSVP/thanks,

[name]

Bellevue, WA

Communication ID: 73404 - Email: 5th request

Communication (1/21/2014)

Email: 5th request

Hello again...is anybody out there?

Hi,

This doesn't show where the lines will be, only lines on a map. I am looking for detailed information that would tell me actual streets/cross streets so I know exactly what is being proposed.

Thanks.

[name]

Communication ID: 73407 - Email: Members of advisory group and sub-area committees

Communication (1/21/2014)

Email: Members of advisory group and sub-area committees

Hi there!

Yes, I have two continuing questions:

Who are the members of the CAG, and the members of the 3 sub-area committees? And how are members of the public expected to communicate their concerns/questions about the project to the CAG members and to members of the 3 sub-area committees?

RSVP,

[name]

Bellevue, WA

Communication ID: 73410 - Website comment: Input for advisory group, EIS, schematic

Communication (1/22/2014)

Website comment: Input for advisory group, EIS, schematic

Hi there!

How can interested citizens who are not members of the CAG or the sub-area committees submit comments or questions to members of the CAG or sub-area committees? Or should all questions/comments be submitted to PSE? If questions/comments are submitted to PSE, will they be sent on to the CAG and sub-area members? And how will answers to questions be provided to the questioner?

When will a preliminary schematic of the transmission line (showing all substations and other interconnections to PSE distribution circuits that will be added as part of the line's construction) be available for public review?

Will PSE prepare an EIS for the new transmission line?

RSVP

Communication ID: 73416 - Website comment: Eastside need and maps

Communication (1/22/2014)

Website comment: Eastside need and maps

It seems Bellevue seems to take the brunt of projects to help with growth on the Eastside (including for traffic) when the bulk of growth now seems to be east of us. It seems like the power lines should be run thru Issaquah & although perhaps they do as well, I don't see this on the map. If not, PLEASE USE ANOTHER EASTSIDE CITY TO RUN THESE UPGRADES SUCH AS ISSAQUAH OR NORTHBEND WHERE THE BULK OF GROWTH IS OCCURRING.

Regarding the maps. Please add a key showing the proposed specs for each "line" shown on the maps. Including proposed height and material for each "line"

Communication ID: 73439

Communication (1/23/2014)

I understand that PSE is translating pertinent information into Chinese and Spanish. Please also translate this information into Korean and Japanese for our diverse community.

Communication ID: 73443 - Email: Info requested through email

Communication (1/22/2014)

Email: Info requested through email

If you would just please provide me the information I have requested, that would be great. If I have questions I can call.
Thanks.

Communication ID: 73445 - Website comment: Somerset

Communication (1/23/2014)

Website comment: Somerset

I am a resident of Somerset neighborhood, through which the "J" segment passes. Our beautiful view of

the Seattle skyline and Olympic mountains is currently cut by the 115 kV lines that already exist. We have been wishing they weren't there for almost 20 years since we bought our house.

The proposed 230 kV lines will be much worse for us and our neighbors. At least the current lines and the wood poles don't strike one as "industrial" looking. But the taller poles with more stacked wires will be a tragedy for our neighborhood. Because of this, the resistance to this route will be intense and could significantly impact the schedule and cost of this project. I hope PSE can spare everyone a lot of heartache and rule out this option early in the process.

There is one alternative that would be a net improvement for our neighborhood. If PSE could bury the lines underground for even a relatively short stretch (between 1/2 or 3/4 of a mile), the project would get an entirely different appraisal from my neighborhood. We would actually welcome the route if the wires could disappear from our view. I understand all the issues and additional expense this would bring up, but it might be worth the effort to avoid developing a new route rather than using the existing J route. It would be great for our neighborhood and PSE to work together with enthusiasm on this project, rather than becoming adversaries.

I am happy to provide further feedback or meet with any PSE representative to discuss our concerns. I will be attending the CAG meetings, of course.

Sincerely,
[name]

Communication ID: 73453 - Website comment: Route J

Communication (1/23/2014)

Website comment: Route J

Dear PSE,
I attended the Bellevue City Council study session on Tuesday, Jan 21, where the plans for the new eastside transmission were discussed. I wish to express my deep concern about the idea of running the J segment through the Somerset neighborhood. Somerset is governed by covenants that prohibit houses and trees higher than about 30'. The existing 115 kV lines with 40' wood poles stick out as it is. The scale of the proposed 230 kV conductors w/90'-120' steel poles is COMPLETELY OUT OF PROPORTION with all existing structures and vegetation in this residential community. In addition, the J line is the only segment (among the parallel options J, I and H) that cuts right through and across residents' property - it is by far the most invasive route (I have personally viewed the J, K, I and H route segments). The residents of Somerset OPPOSE the J route. Thank you.

Communication ID: 73456

Communication (1/23/2014)

I strongly oppose the proposed "J" route of higher and larger electrical towers. As it is, I already have the towers within my view. My property values WILL decrease if these lines are added. There are VIEW COVENANTS in this neighborhood and if my view is at any way disturbed, I will have no other option to seek legal counsel for damages.
I vehemently oppose.

Communication ID: 73459

Communication (1/23/2014)

I do not want to see J line running through Somerset. It is too big and industrial looking. Please look into other route or buried underground. The existing line is already blocking my view and another above my roof which I am always worried during the storm that it will collapse to my house. Every year, I hear about outage and repair due to fallen trees. Have you make any study on the cost throughout the year how much money have been spent on this. Maybe burying underground might cost more now but eventually save more in the long run. Also, what is the health risk of putting a 230 line transmission.

Communication ID: 73460 - Web comment: interactive map problem

Communication (1/24/2014)

Web comment: interactive map problem

I've tried this interactive map with many addresses where the addresses are rejected. One example: [address], Bellevue, WA [zip]

Communication ID: 73478 - Email: Single or double

Communication (1/23/2014)

Email: Single or double

Hi there!

Is the new transmission line expected to be a single or double 230kv line?

RSVP/thanks,
[name]

Communication ID: 73480 - Email: Energy Facility Site Evaluation Council

Communication (1/23/2014)

Email: Energy Facility Site Evaluation Council

Are you intending to submit your choice of route – once chosen – to the Energy Facility Site Evaluation Council?

And, if so, do you intend to ask for expedited consideration?

Thanks,
[name]

Communication ID: 73481 - Email: Somerset preferred route

Communication (1/24/2014)

Email: Somerset preferred route

I prefer the "H" line which runs along the railroad tracks in between Newport Shores and Greenwich Crest. So the preferred route would be E - G2 - G1 - H.

Communication ID: 73492 - Website comment: opposition to segment J

Communication (1/24/2014)

Website comment: opposition to segment J

Me and my neighbors vehemently oppose the J line, as it runs through several schools and endangers nearby property. If this needs to be connected, we recommend the E - G2 - G1 - H line. We believe this is the best for the community. Thank you.

Communication ID: 73494

Communication (1/25/2014)

The current power lines are just below my and all my neighbors homes field of view. If the route stays the same and the power poles are raised the 30' you suggest, all of our views will look through those and out to lake washington, seattle and beyond. No more beautiful pictures taken from the deck. The views account for at least a 1/3 of our homes value, and of course were a determining factor when we purchased the house. We have the very best view in the city and raised power poles here would be a huge drag on the value of that view for us and future owners, and most certainly be a deterrent for future home sales. We urge PSE to please take into consideration the fact that this kind of view in the city is rare and will adversely effect the property value to this and the homes around around it in a very real way.

Communication ID: 73495 - Website comment: View impacts

Communication (1/25/2014)

Website comment: View impacts

I would like to set up a meeting at the house so you can see the massive negative impact this will have to my home should the new route and raised power lines continue on its current course. I was at the Somerset meeting and am very concerned with my home's value should my 180 degree view of Seattle Lake Washington and Bellevue be marred with power poles in my direct line of sight. This would most certainly de-value my home by more than a 1/4 of its value. I live across the street from the current power lines, which are fine and under the sight line of my home. Would love to have you by to see the impact and most certainly like to be involved in trying to find a better solution.

All the best

Communication ID: 73496 - Website comment: E - G2 - G1 - H

Communication (1/25/2014)

Website comment: E - G2 - G1 - H

We prefer E - G2 - G1 - H routes.

Of the three proposed routes running N-S near I-90 and I-405 intersection, H is preferred because it is away from the denser residential areas and schools.

Communication ID: 73497 - Website comment: Map questions

Communication (1/25/2014)

Website comment: Map questions

I have been unable to attend any public meetings on this issue, so I have some questions. It is not clear from the map, but is the route A-C-E-J-M-N essentially the route of the existing 115-kV line? Are any of the line segments parallel to Seattle City Light's 230-kV line? There is no legend for the map; are the squares with letters just line segment designations or are any of them possible substation or switching station sites? Thanks for the opportunity for such easy input to this process.

Communication ID: 73499 - Website comments: Somerset route segments

Communication (1/26/2014)

Website comments: Somerset route segments

Thank you for your presentation at the Somerset Community Association annual meeting. I believe this project (routes J, I, K1 and K2) is completely out of scale for a residential neighborhood, has adverse consequences to view neighborhoods, and poses severe safety concerns since the Olympic Pipeline is under most of each of these segments, crossing a well known fault line near Newport Way. Segments H and L avoid these issues. I do note that downtown Bellevue and the BelRed corridor, the fastest growing parts of Bellevue which are the beneficiary of these improvements, avoid any adverse impact from this project. The beneficiaries should pay mitigation to the affected neighborhoods such as payment to underground any proposed lines in South Bellevue.

Communication ID: 73503 - Website comment: Segments L and M

Communication (1/27/2014)

Website comment: Segments L and M

1. Your proposed line would run 25 feet from my bedroom. This is not good stewardship on your part.
2. Should you choose the "L" line, I am certain PSE would compensate me and my neighbors for the loss of value of my home. Are these numbers built into your estimates?
3. Use the existing corridor "M" for updating power lines. Health issues and "taking" issues are already built in.

I am in unincorporated King County, despite the Renton address.

Communication ID: 73512 - Website comment: Notice

Communication (1/27/2014)

Website comment: Notice

Jan 26, 2014

Why did I just hear about this TODAY? Your notice requirements failed miserably. I live right along the Lake. Such residents should have been individually mailed notices to ensure the most affected are the most informed.

[name]

Communication ID: 73528 - Voicemail: More information

Communication (1/24/2014)

Voicemail: More information

Hi, this is [name], [phone number], and I live on [street] in the Somerset area, and attended the Energize Eastside meeting last night at Forest Ridge. I do have a couple of questions, I was going to mail them to Leann Kostek but I don't have an email address, but if you could give me a call or someone could, I have two questions that are kind of involved—it would be easier to talk to someone, or else just send me her email address. Ok [name], [phone number]. Thanks.

Communication ID: 73529 - Email: More information

Communication (1/24/2014)

Email: More information

Attended the Energize Eastside presentation last night (1/23) for the Somerset Community Association at Forest Ridge. It was a very good statement of why we need more power for the Eastside.

There are a few visuals that would help me better understand the project.

- It would be very helpful to see a map that superimposes the route of the Olympic pipeline on the map of the proposed transmission line options. Does one exist that I could view?
- Also, I was unclear if all the proposed transmission line options involved upgrading EXISTING 115kV lines to 230-500kV lines or if there were some routes that required the installation of transmission lines where none now exist.

Thanks,
[name]
Bellevue

Communication ID: 73530 - Website comment: Numerous concerns

Communication (1/27/2014)

Website comment: Numerous concerns

Numerous concerns include:

1. How much foliage will you destroy and how do you plan to replace the sound buffering, habitat, air purifying, privacy protection that foliage currently provides. You say any tree that grows naturally over 15 feet will be eliminated. That includes most of the foliage along the ERC.
2. When two high voltage route easements already exist across Newport Hills, why can't you use one of them to save money on installation and upkeep?
3. How do you propose placing high voltage poles, trail and light rail on the existing easement without getting in each others way? Since your poles will go up before rail or trail, what if you are in their way?
4. How will you deal with existing utilities already under and above ground on existing ERC easement. They include main Bellevue water line, natural gas line, fiber optic cables, power, phone and cable lines.
5. From N to A, Routes M and C look to be a straight line. Isn't it the shortest distance between 2 points.

6. Since most development to Eastside has been to the East of 405, isn't that where your new lines and substations should be?
7. How will you mitigate noise and emissions from lines to protect residents?

Communication ID: 73533 - Email: Somerset preferred route

Communication (1/24/2014)

Email: Somerset preferred route

Thank you [name]. Yes, our community does not want the "J" route or the "I" route!

Jennifer and Conrad, I don't know if you were still at the SCA meeting last night when I gave a little speech encouraging community members to write to PSE that the "I" and "H" lines are preferable (less residential, etc) than the "J" route through Somerset. Well, right after I said that, someone who lives in lower Somerset like me chastised me that the "I" line would be worse for folks living in lower Somerset than the "J" line (the "I" line would block lower Somerset resident's view lines so this neighbor told me he preferred the "J" line over the "I" line). So now I feel I should not have endorsed the "I" line! The "I" lines runs down Factoria Blvd.

We do NOT want to pit lower and upper Somerset residents against each other! And people are of course motivated by self-interest.

So as [name] mentioned, the preferred route for ALL of Somerset would be the "H" line which runs along the railroad tracks in between Newport Shores and Greenwich Crest. So the preferred route would be E - G2 - G1 - H. Here's the map for reference: <http://www.energizeeastside.com/overview-map> A PSE engineer last night told me that PSE already has towers on G1 and maybe G2 routes.

The H line is the only one without the Olympic Pipeline running under it. If there was a major earthquake, would it be bad (potentially dangerous?) to have the new poles put in above existing pipelines? Also Tyee Middle school is right next to the J line and Newport High School right next to the I line.

Even though I live in lower Somerset and higher lines on the "J" route would not impact me directly, I oppose the "J" line as it does not belong in a dense, residential neighborhood for health, aesthetic and view reasons. I fear Somerset will no longer be known as the community with great schools or the community with great views, but rather "that community with the electric transmission lines running through it."

Thank you for your consideration of my input on the matter.

[name]
Somerset Resident

Communication ID: 73545 - Email: SCL line

Communication (1/24/2014)

Email: SCL line

Can you explain the technical reasons why PSE cannot share the existing Seattle City Light Eastside Transmission Line and Corridor with Seattle City Light, perhaps upgrading that line to 384 kv, for example?

Thanks,
[name]

Communication ID: 73546 - Email: Tree topping

Communication (1/27/2014)

Email: Tree topping

I can't help notice that Seattle City Light has cut down or topped the trees in their existing Eastside Transmission Line. Will PSE be cutting down or topping trees along their proposed routes, for example in the wooden Coal Creek corridor?

Communication ID: 73548 - Email: Homeowner compensation

Communication (1/25/2014)

Email: Homeowner compensation

Under what circumstances will or will not PSE be paying Homeowners compensation for loss of property value or other impacts caused by these transmission lines?

Communication ID: 73549 - Email: Undergrounding

Communication (1/25/2014)

Email: Undergrounding

How will PSE decide when the environmental impacts are large enough on a community that that line segment should be buried rather than exposing that community unfairly to those environmental impacts?

Communication ID: 73563 - Website comment: Kennydale waterfront

Communication (1/27/2014)

Website comment: Kennydale waterfront

The path of the lines seems to be right down some of the most expensive view property in the city - specifically the Kennydale waterfront and straight through Gene Coulon Lake Park. Or am I not reading the map properly?

Thanks, [name]

Communication ID: 73601 - Comment form: Community Advisory Group Meeting #1

Communication (1/22/2014)

Comment form: Community Advisory Group Meeting #1

What should PSE and the advisory group consider while discussing and considering route segments? Appropriate scale of project relative to the neighborhood. Is it appropriate to site 200 ft steel towers in the middle of a residential view neighborhood vs. keeping that kind of industrial scale development within industrial zones? How to minimize TOTAL cost of the project where the TOTAL cost = PSE's cost PLUS the degradations in residential property values due to the large 200 ft towers and the resulting risks of childhood leukemia.

Do you have any comments about what you heard at tonight's meeting?

I was disappointed that PSE didn't engage in more serious "buy in" activities to convince the communities that the route choices presented (which frankly are horrible!) are the ONLY viable ways to solve this problem. For example why isn't the Seattle City Light route not considered? Why is East from Lake Tradition not considered? Why are the major freeway routes – 405, 520 – etc not considered? Etc.

Any additional questions and/or comments about this project?

1) Not convinced that the routes considered represent the best choices for the region, especially why not the existing 405 route from Issaquah? 2) PSE claims that the community would be responsible for the extra cost of buried cable. What law is PSE basing their statement on? I am not aware of any state law to back up this statement from PSE. 3) Can we get a more detailed interactive map allowing 200m+ pan and not just the only current choice of "enter your address?"

Communication ID: 73606 - Comment form: Community Advisory Group Meeting #1

Communication (1/22/2014)

Comment form: Community Advisory Group Meeting #1

What should PSE and the advisory group consider while discussing and considering route segments? Lack of representation by specific neighborhoods affected by proposed routes. Specifically Route "L" runs adjacent to the Lake Lanes Community in South Bellevue and Ripley Lane in Renton yet we have no representation on the CAG as we have only been given an "alternate" position which does not have a seat at the table.

Do you have any comments about what you heard at tonight's meeting?

Refusal of PSE to acknowledge their failure to organize a REPRESENTATIVE CAG. This project is starting off with an imperious tone.

Communication ID: 73609 - Comment form: Community Advisory Group Meeting #1

Communication (1/22/2014)

Comment form: Community Advisory Group Meeting #1

What should PSE and the advisory group consider while discussing and considering route segments? Please provide data on the costs and feasibility of using distributed energy storage coupled with conservation, instead of building transmission capacity.

Communication ID: 73622 - Email: Follow up

Communication (1/27/2014)

Email: Follow up

Hi there!

Any chance for an answer?

RSVP/thanks,

[name]

Hi there!

Is the new transmission line expected to be a single or double 230kv line?

RSVP/thanks,

[name]

Communication ID: 73623 - Email: Presentation online

Communication (1/27/2014)

Email: Presentation online

Can you put your powerpoint presentations online? I'm looking on your site for a copy of the powerpoint presentation you gave at the January 22 meeting. I have a copy of the black-and-white paper handouts you give out, but some images like page 20 simply do not come through in black-and-white.

Thanks,
[name]

Communication ID: 73919 - Comment form: Somerset Community Association Briefing

Communication (1/23/2014)

Comment form: Somerset Community Association Briefing

PSE would appreciate your feedback on the Energize Eastside project.

Any place you put this, home values adjacent to the line will be impacted. In Somerset it also impacts home values that are not adjacent to the line (obstructed views)

It seems that any attempt to select a site/route should minimize house value impact. Therefore, it doesn't make sense to put this on Somerset.

Communication ID: 73920 - Comment form: Somerset Community Association briefing

Communication (1/23/2014)

Comment form: Somerset Community Association briefing

PSE would appreciate your feedback on the Energize Eastside project.

I am really concerned about the health effects. There is enough research supporting the fact that when people live in homes close to or directly under the power lines, the childhood leukemia (Leukemia) rates increase. How to keep people safe while meeting the energy needs?

Communication ID: 73921 - Comment form: Somerset Community Association briefing

Communication (1/23/2014)

Comment form: Somerset Community Association briefing

PSE would appreciate your feedback on the Energize Eastside project.

Please keep in mind that the westerly views of Somerset residents are an integral component of our property values. All efforts to protect those views will be very much appreciated.