

Public Communications Report: December 4, 2013-January 14, 2014

Between December 4, 2013 and January 14, 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, 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 regarding right of entry or specific property concerns, nor does it include communications from the community advisory group or the media.
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- Phone conversations are summarized by the PSE staff member who took the call.
- To the extent possible, all commenters are added to the project mailing list unless they request not to be on it.
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PSE - Energize Eastside - Communications (88 Total)

Date Received

from 12/4/2013 to 1/14/2014

Communication ID: 73166 - Voicemail: PSE Energy sources

Communication (1/14/2014)

Voicemail: PSE Energy sources

Hi, my name is [name], that's [name] with the [letter], [spells name], at [address]. [spells address], and Issaquah [zip code] and my phone is [phone number]. I was wanting to know how much coal you use as an energy source and supply us with the fuel that's needed for maintaining our lifestyles as they are, and I, I'm hoping of course said it's a minimal or nothing. And I was so happy to get involved in the clean energy program that started a number of years ago, so I guess I've learned to associate Puget Power with those big wind turbans that we see in a number of places. I'm very idealistic obviously, and quite naïve too, but I can still is hope for a better future. Thanks, hope to hear from you. This is a very private line so feel free if you want to leave a message on this line to do so. Thank you.

Communication ID: 73203 - Voicemail: information by mail

Communication (1/14/2014)

Voicemail: information by mail

Hi, this is [name], my address is [address], Bellevue. Energize Eastside must already have my address because I got the one newsletter for 'em, but I wanted to find out if I can get information besides on your website, because I really don't have a computer available most of the time. So I wanted to see if I could get all the information some other way, like in the mail or something or come pick it up. My phone number is [phone number]. Thank you. Bye.

Communication ID: 73211 - Comment form: SCL line

Communication (1/14/2014)

Comment form: SCL line

Please put pressure on the Seattle City Light to use current power easement.

Why can't you use eminent domain for SCL? (assuming it is a good route). Don't let bureaurats harm the community.

Communication ID: 72987

Communication (1/9/2014)

Could you please identify, on the map, the existing electric transmission corridors being proposed for upgrade, vs. the new corridors? I cannot clearly determine this from the map.

Thank you.

Communication ID: 73004

Communication (1/9/2014)

These maps are very difficult to decipher when there are no cross streets indicated (even 405, Richards Road, S.E. 8th, N. E. 8th, and Lake Hills Connector would help).

Communication ID: 73049 - Email: CAG members and concerned citizens (2)

Communication (1/8/2014)

Email: CAG members and concerned citizens (2)

Thanks Kevin.

BTW, I have emailed the energize email twice and no response yet.
[name]

I don't think that is the goal. There is no sense starting off the process with frustration or the feeling that you are being excluded. Perhaps if Mike and David N. communicate with you we can get to a point where everyone is comfortable.
Feel free to call me if I am missing something.

Kevin Wallace

Input, yes, but restrictive to who he decides is asked? I don't think that is appropriate – unless city staff want to further restrict who can be allowed 'input' and who cannot.

[name]

This is PSE's baby and it appears to me that they asked Mike for input, which is appropriate.

Kevin Wallace

I agree with you Kevin. [name] is very well educated on this subject, and a great many more. He and I don't always agree either, but his experience, knowledge and independent perspective are a very valuable asset to the city and its decision making.

I would like to ask a question of Mike Huentelman – when did the city adopt the policy that staff chose who to invite to meetings and who to recommend for outside agencies to use for their CAG's?

Best,
[name]

Communication ID: 73128 - Email: question not answered

Communication (1/10/2014)

Email: question not answered

Hi,
This didn't answer my question....I would like to know the exact routes.
Colored lines on a map that doesn't have streets is not helpful.
Thanks,
[name]

Communication ID: 72705

Communication (12/30/2013)

This upgrade in transmission lines is clearly to allow business to expand and more residential housing (the real estate business). I don' foresee any improvement in the service I get. The average residential customer should not have to foot the bill for the benefit of the business community.

Communication ID: 72785

Communication (1/3/2014)

The residents of [neighborhood] are very opposed to PSE proposed "L" plan for power line insertion and are organizing with the other [neighborhood] communities to have PSE implement the proposed "M" route.

The "L" plan is unsightly, it would create a health risk for residents living along the route (we already deal with the 405 noise) and the "M" corridor was designed for this type of activity. The lake neighborhoods were not.

As a collective community from [neighborhood] up to the 90 we have organized and will now participate on the CAG to insure that the safest, least impactful decision is reached.

Communication ID: 72793 - Email: Lake Lanes CAG representation

Communication (1/1/2014)

Email: Lake Lanes CAG representation

Leann Kostek, Cody Olson—

I am part of a group that are property owners along the RR corridor, from Newcastle Park to Coulon Park which is impacted by Option L of the project. There are other issues of extreme interest to this community other than your project, but yours is one that we will want to be involved with. The Lake Lanes Neighborhood Association is just getting started and I'm sure that we would like to have a representative as part of the CAG, and meeting on 1/22/14. Would you please let me know what steps we should take? We do have a meeting of the group on Thursday 1/2/14, 7 PM and would be glad to discuss who might best represent us.

I apologize if someone has already contact you and that I'm unaware of it . . . we will get our act together shortly. ?

Thanks,
[name]
[address]
Bellevue, WA [zip]
[phone number](cell)

Communication ID: 72817 - SCL corridor

Communication (1/2/2014)

SCL corridor

Thank you for your reply. Its a shame that two identities can't work together to save costs and minimize environmental impact. Its times like this where people think government enforcement might be a good idea. Feel free to convey my thoughts to your management team.

Thank you, [name]

Communication ID: 72825

Communication (1/4/2014)

As a property owner on [street] I'd like to be considered an active member of the Community Advisory Group.

My background is in medicine (Child Neurology) and neuroscience (MR spectroscopy). I and a colleague began and ran the brain tumor clinic at [organization], I am emeritus, but still teach at [organization] ([name] program) occasionally. I also am a volunteer at the [organization]. My current project is the dangers of head injuries.

I feel I would be an asset to the program by demanding objective scientific evidence to combat some of the biases that are being expressed by my neighbors.

Thank you for your consideration.

[name]
[address]
Bellevue WA [zip]
[phone number]

Communication ID: 72836

Communication (1/6/2014)

Please route the power lines along Route C, with a new Westminster substation. Route B would be a disaster. Kirkland's Bridle Trails and South Rose Hill neighborhoods are heavily residential, with three schools along the proposed route. This route is not acceptable. Thank you.

Communication ID: 72856 - Voicemail: senior project manager

Communication (1/3/2014)

Voicemail: senior project manager

Yes, this is [name] calling for Leann, and Leann, would you give me a call at [phone number]. I'm calling on the Energize Eastside project that you're the senior project manager for. Thanks so much.

Communication ID: 72858 - Email: CAG members and concerned citizens

Communication (1/3/2014)

Email: CAG members and concerned citizens

Hi there!

Sorry, I didn't get an answer to my question: who are the ('primary' and 'alternate') persons who will make up the 'neighborhood representatives' on the Energize Eastside Project citizen advisory group?

As you are probably aware, citizens appointed to such advisory bodies have no effective means of communicating with other interested citizens, or other citizen home owners associations, etc., who may have concerns about the project; indeed, the CAG members have no way of knowing which citizens/citizen-groups are concerned and/or interested in projects like Energize Eastside. Furthermore, the City staff does not exert any effort to keep other interested citizens/citizen-groups informed about important issues such as the Energize Eastside Project; thus, it remains for interested citizens/citizen-groups to take the initiative to contact their 'representatives' on such CAG's in order to make their concerns known to the CAG members.

I again ask that you advise me of the names of the ('primary' and 'alternate') persons who will make up the 'neighborhood representatives' on the Energize Eastside Project citizen advisory group. In addition, if there are other members of the CAG whose 'groups'/businesses do not touch (or lie in close proximity to the various alternative route segments), I would like to know the names and organizations of these representatives.

RSVP,

[name]

Bellevue, WA

Communication ID: 72859 - Email: CAG members and concerned citizens, response

Communication (1/4/2014)

Email: CAG members and concerned citizens, response

Personally I would like to see [name] on the committee. He has a depth of knowledge on the subject matter and would provide an important perspective. We don't always agree but I appreciate his input.

Communication ID: 72864 - Email: question on route

Communication (1/4/2014)

Email: question on route

Hi,
I was looking at your maps and am unclear about routing. The letters signify routing but is that new routing? Existing? There is no key for it.
Thanks!
[name]

Communication ID: 72952 - Voicemail: Lake Washington

Communication (1/7/2014)

Voicemail: Lake Washington

Yes, my name is [name], I reside at [address]. My telephone number is [phone]. I would like to state that looking at your legend you already have high tension lines where it says M-J-E-C. I would suggest you use your current line to add your additional lines that are there. We do not appreciate being the only people on Lake Washington that have Puget Sound Energy high tension wires. We do not, as a community, appreciate that. Please be aware. This is not service for us. It's service for others. Take it through your current lines, M, J, E, C. Thank you.

Communication ID: 72953 - Voicemail: Meeting request

Communication (1/7/2014)

Voicemail: Meeting request

Yes, Leann, this is [name]. I called you earlier because I wanted to set up a time to swing by your office and take a look at the competing routes for the Energize Eastside high transmission lines, so please give me a call [phone number],so that we can set up a time that's convenient for both of us to take a look at the two routes. Thank you very much.

Communication ID: 72968 - Email: 2nd request - question on route

Communication (1/7/2014)

Email: 2nd request - question on route

Hi,
I was looking at your maps and am unclear about routing. The letters signify routing but is that new routing? Existing? There is no key for it.
Thanks!
[name]

Communication ID: 72259

Communication (12/11/2013)

I have read the newsletter mailed to me and now this website. Not a single word in the newsletter on potential costs and who pays for it. But I see here that "customers" will share the costs. So if customers are paying for it. . do we as a collective group get to reap any profits from this project? As PSE is a for profit company, should not the shareholders take on this liability and not the customers? Shareholders have the potential to make the profit and then should take on the risk.

As it is right now the project is nothing but a sweet deal for shareholders.

Comments please.

Communication ID: 72372

Communication (12/15/2013)

Hello PSE:

First, thanks for sending out in the mail a separate notification regarding the need to add electrical capacity for the eastside.

My main concern is this: overheard transmission lines are incredibly ugly and are a blight on the community. They lower property values, especially so for anyone with property within a sightline of the transmission lines.

My questions/comments are:

1. Why don't you reinforce the existing structures that hold these power lines and then add more lines to meet your expected electricity demand? That way you don't ruin more land by creating another path for the transmission lines. It will also save time and money since you probably won't need to go through the eminent domain process or protracted lawsuits with property owners near the new transmission lines. I work near NE 124th in Bellevue, and the existing structures only support 6 power lines. It seems you could add more lines to the existing support structures. If there is an issue with an electrical force field, why not add extra sheathing around the power cables so that they can run in close proximity to each other?

2. Better yet, why not put the new transmission lines underground and follow the existing right-of-way where your overhead lines already run? PSE should just have a policy of placing underground all power lines. That's how Europe (i.e. Germany) does it for most city power distribution, and they don't have widespread power outages whenever there's a storm. Over time, the additional up-front expense of placing the power lines underground is covered by the system's reliability and lowered expense of running crews 24x7 to repair the storm-damaged above ground power lines.

thanks,
[name]

Communication ID: 72380 - Voicemail: consumer impact

Communication (12/11/2013)

Voicemail: consumer impact

I understand the proposal, and probably it is needed. I think the thing that is most concerning is what is the impact on the consumer. Our bills are so high in this state already, I don't know how much more is feasible. I hope you'll consider this deeply when you consider this project. Thank you.

Communication ID: 72390 - Email: infrastructure profit

Communication (12/11/2013)

Email: infrastructure profit

I have heard that PSE makes 10% profit on all infrastructure work. Is that true? If it is not true please provide details that explain how PSE profits financially on this project. I am interested to know if the formula includes soft costs like design and PR.

I am taking you at your word that you will follow your "Guiding Principles" and "Provide timely and honest responses to questions".

Communication ID: 72392 - Email: undergrounding, broken links

Communication (12/11/2013)

Email: undergrounding, broken links

Dear PSE Energize Eastside Project Team:

Thanks for responding. I can understand the downside of underground installation as you present below, and the increased costs. However, I think some downside can be reduced by installing along an existing right-of-way such as the old eastside rail route now being converted to a walk/bicycling path. Or, along a highway or freeway right-of-way. I would note that accessing for repairs should be less costly along an existing right-of-way. As for repairs, I'll bet repairs on overhead lines come far more frequently than repairs on underground lines! (What repairs might be needed on underground lines, and how frequently?)

I still think your customers will have to believe serious consideration has been given to the underground alternative, and ultimately should be presented with the choice and the associated cost of each. - Cost in terms of average household, or a percent increase to a household.

I checked both websites shown below. I suspect they are not working, as clicking on both takes me to the same window entitled 'Microsoft Outlook Web App' requiring 'Domain/user name' and 'Password'. There is nothing about PSE. I do not use Microsoft Outlook.

Thanks again for responding, and you need not respond to my second commenting here - I realize this public input process will be continuing for some time, and I hope to be involved with that.

Sincerely,
[name]

Communication ID: 72393 - Voicemail: follow up

Communication (12/11/2013)

Voicemail: follow up

My name is [name], [phone number]. It's about 2:18 on December the 11th, Wednesday, it's my second telephone call and it has to do with this energy program that you're promoting on the Eastside and information regarding it specifically so I, I hope that the second phone call someone will call me back, [phone number]. Thank you.

Communication ID: 72394 - Voicemail: add to mailing list

Communication (12/11/2013)

Voicemail: add to mailing list

Hello, I'm calling in regards to your 18 miles of high lines that you're planning to put in. Could I be on the mailing list of all the proposals and the hearings and the eventual outcome of what you're gonna do? I'll give you my name and address today, and first of all I'd like a copy of what the proposal is and the route that you're planning sent out right away if you have one available. My name is [name], located at [address], Newcastle, Washington. Oh, behind the address put on it [address 2]. And it's Newcastle, zip code [zip]. And so, I'm definitely interested in this project. I think you should go ahead with it as soon as possible. I'd like to be part of it. Thank you.

Communication ID: 72396 - Email: detailed map

Communication (12/11/2013)

Email: detailed map

Hi PSE
I have read the project newsletter for Energize Eastside. The map included in the newsletter is not detailed enough to understand which streets (or right of ways) where the proposed lines might be routed. Do you have a more detailed map of the proposed routes?
Thanks
[name]

Communication ID: 72398 - Email: upcoming PSE projects

Communication (12/11/2013)

Email: upcoming PSE projects

I am a member of the 16-homes [neighborhood] Homeowners Association. I saw in your flyer that you can provide information re upcoming PSE projects. Is that something you can pass along to me via email? I would then forward the information to the other 15 home owners. Thank you.

Communication ID: 72426

Communication (12/16/2013)

Get it done! There are always going to be nimbys & those no-nothings who want to sink needed projects.

Communication ID: 72428 - Voicemail: route segment H

Communication (12/12/2013)

Voicemail: route segment H

This is [name] at [phone number]. Please call back and leave a detailed message. I'm referring to the brochure about Energize Eastside, and the map on the inside of the 4-page colored brochure has a legend with route segments that don't relate to anything, so I don't know what an H or a B is. And I know it's just proposed, but what is those potential route segments—is that gas? Is that electricity? Do they dig? Do they shut the road down? What does that mean? Considering the options "approaches the address the Eastside's growing energy needs, including reducing demand through conservation, increasing the capacity of our existing electric transmission lines." So I would like just information, in particular on Segment H, and with that, is that proposed to do in Segment H—is that digging? Is that closing down roads? Is that going over bog land on the shoreline? Do you need a shoreline management exception? What does that mean? Thanks so much for your help. Bye bye.

Communication ID: 72439 - Voicemail: Newcastle corridor

Communication (12/13/2013)

Voicemail: Newcastle corridor

Hi [name], could you please call me back? This is [name],[phone number]. I'm calling about the Energize Eastside project and I'd like to know if these power lines will be going past my house or the other power lines that are –the bigger power lines, that are more toward the west of where I live in the [neighborhood] development on [address] in Newcastle. Could you let me know which route you are showing in your map? Thank you so much, bye.

Communication ID: 72484 - Email: Rose Hill

Communication (12/16/2013)

Email: Rose Hill

Leann & Cody,

I am a [neighborhood] resident and I received the information regarding the proposed routes for the new transmission system. Right now you have a system that has a certain capacity that runs through the neighborhood and is working to serve your needs. If you were to run the new system down this same route, PSE would plan to remove the current poles and lines, right?!? (Thus eliminating this capacity) If you have another adequate route, then why wouldn't you choose that route to build a new transmission system and leave the current one in place? (Thus giving you additional capacity and redundancy) Plus the Rose Hill route has homes fronting throughout the entire neighborhood until you get somewhere down to Bridle Trails. 140th Ave NE doesn't have nearly the amount of homes fronting the proposed route between Redmond Way and Old Red Road.

I'm sure this has all been thought out but I would be curious to hear the logic behind it. Unfortunately, I was not able to make the previous meeting at the Kirkland City Hall. Do you have any minutes or a link to that presentation? By the way, how high are the current poles that run through Rose Hill?

Thank you!

-[name]

Communication ID: 72495 - Voicemail: plans for segment M

Communication (12/16/2013)

Voicemail: plans for segment M

This is [name], I'm calling about the upgrade and the electrical system and I'd like to have some more information on it. Again, my name is [name], at [address], Newcastle 98056. Telephone number [phone number]. That's [name], [phone number]. And apparently I am on your section M, what I would like to know is what are you planning on doing there. I mean, I'm worried I have to sell my house, and I'd like to know if you're raising the height of the towers, if you're re-conductoring and I'd like to know the conductor size, and if you're adding more circuits, I'd like to know if you're adding more circuits. I'm an electrical engineer, so you can give me this data, hopefully I'll understand. Again, I'd like to know more about this. Ok thank you, bye.

Communication ID: 72502 - Voicemail: route B

Communication (12/16/2013)

Voicemail: route B

Hello, my name is [name], and I'm just calling to hopefully speak to somebody to ask a few questions about the Energize Eastside and about the route of the power lines. It's going up in this section right around NE 70th Place Park-and-Ride, and I have a friend who lives right near there, and I'm trying to gather some information for them, so my phone is [phone]. Again my name is [name] and if someone is able to give me a call back, I just have a few questions. Thanks so much. Bye.

Communication ID: 72503 - Email: No response, link error

Communication (12/17/2013)

Email: No response, link error

Well, this is not getting off to a good start. I have not received the promised response to my concerns. Also, you should be aware that the web link in your automatic reply does not go anywhere. You can be sure that, as an affected resident, I plan to be an active participant in the planning process.

Communication ID: 72508 - Email: Route B

Communication (12/18/2013)

Email: Route B

Hello,

Are there any other proposed north-south routes besides A & B? Is it possible that route B would run the full length of NE 132nd Ave and not turn at NE 80 St.?

Thanks,
[name]

Communication ID: 72549

Communication (12/19/2013)

Not at all happy with your plan to run new power lines down the old railroad tracks. This acquisition was "sold" to the public as a nature trail and now you plan to put power lines down it which will lead permanent trucks and service vehicles. Further, the national rails to trails act allowed this proposed trail only because the rails are to be preserved as a rail bank. The act DOES NOT provide for use of this rail bank for infrastructure projects such as the one proposed here. [organization] of Kansas City represented many of the adjacent property owners in a Federal Class action lawsuit and will likely be interested in pursuing PSE if they believe they can achieve a damages claim accordingly.

Communication ID: 72578

Communication (12/20/2013)

Greetings,

Please add me to your informational group CAG. Routing for improvements appear to traverse my Property and Easement provided along the old BNSF/King County Parks Corridor. I would like to be informed of impacts associated of Segment "L" in regard to scope and size of implementation of new power grid supply lines.

Thank you for your information.
[names]

Communication ID: 72580

Communication (12/21/2013)

I was not aware that this was being considered! Could you please tell me what the impact on my property is, and also what neighborhood group our property is included in?

Thank you.

Communication ID: 72593 - Letter: Bellevue Light Rail

Communication (12/23/2013)

Letter: Bellevue Light Rail

13 Dec 2013

Attn: Leann Kostek
Ref: Energize the Eastside

In looking at the map which you are circulating, perhaps it is time for you to set down with the Light Rail project and determine if it is possible for PSE to run a transmission route within the Light Rail right-of-way. If you look at their mapping you will see it covers a considerable amount of the area you advise needs up-grade. Light Rail is presently completing a route from 1-90 & Bellevue Way through Bellevue to the Metro Station at NE 40th 7St & 156th Ave NE. Ultimately they propose to extend the right-of-way on into Redmond. A line within their route will provide for immediate service to the various sub-stations which will operate the electric train system. The City is re-zoning various properties along the route to higher density which will include considerable more residential development. A routing of such might be possible to quickly put together as Light Rail is moving into final design of the train system. The transmission route seems to have many benefits.

[name]
City of Bellevue
Light Rail Advisor Committee

cc [name]
Light Rail
Union Station
[address]
Seattle, WA [zip]

Communication ID: 72597

Communication (12/23/2013)

We just lost the sale of our home as a result of this map.

Can you be clear as to what will be the first option followed the second option. Also, making the decision linger will only exasperate the situation and hold prices down throughout the entire bridle trails community. Would be even best if you could eliminate route "C" right off.

=== NOTES ===

Our home

Communication ID: 72598 - Email: Members of the CAG (2)

Communication (12/23/2013)

Email: Members of the CAG (2)

Hi there!

We live very close to segments C-E, and C-D. Who are the "neighborhood leaders" near these segments that you are considering for the CAB?

RSVP,

[name]

Bellevue, WA

Communication ID: 72601

Communication (12/23/2013)

It seems clear from the interactive map, that route B-F is the obvious choice given that route C-D_F impacts more private residences. Routing a line along major roads/industrial areas has to be preferred over routing a high-powered line through areas with homes the surrounding spaces where children, animals live.

Communication ID: 72739 - Email: Bellevue Meeting summary response

Communication (12/23/2013)

Email: Bellevue Meeting summary response

Hello:

The [neighborhood] neighborhood is connected to nine other nearby neighborhoods on Nextdoor.com. One of those neighborhoods is Lake Lanes, which consists of all the various lanes along the eastern shore of Lake Washington between Newcastle Beach Park and the Seahawks training facility. The proposed L segment would run through their area and impact them. I was not aware at the time of the 12/18 meeting that no one from Lake Lanes had been invited to represent their interests. When I posted to my own neighborhood about the outcome of the meeting and tagged [neighborhood] and Lake Lanes, I received three responses from Lake Lanes residents who are extremely upset about being left out of the process. There's great potential they will be impacted, especially if Somerset railroads everyone into choosing the L line versus the M line. I believe the oversight in inviting the Lake Lanes residents has to do with the City of Bellevue lumping them in with [neighborhood]. They are not part of [neighborhood], are not serviced by our community club, and in fact had their own community association that died out about 25 years ago. Recent attempts to revive the neighborhood association have met with apathy but this situation with PSE could be the spark they needed to reorganize. One of the Lakes Lanes residents lives on Ripley Lane, which is a Renton address (next to Seahawks training center) but unincorporated King Co.; none of the residents on her lane had been contacted re: the 2 Renton/Newcastle seats on the CAG, so they have been totally left without a voice and at the mercy of people who are set on keeping the route as far away from their own neighborhoods as possible.

I felt very bullied by [name] and the [neighborhood] faction he brought with him to the meeting on 12/18. I don't give a damn how much [neighborhood] homes cost or whether or not they have a view. The fact is, nobody really wants to live near these gigantic power poles or the substations, views or not. [neighborhood] residents have no more rights to call the shots re: proposed routes than any other neighborhood and there are other neighborhoods whose views may be impacted that were NOT present at that meeting (including Kimberlee Park, which is a separate neighborhood association from [neighborhood]). The proposed L segment would not only impact Kimberlee Park views but according to Lake Lanes resident [name] there are some legal issues surrounding the proposed L segment and the Federal Rails to Trails Act. Lake Lanes residents deal with many issues which impact their property values that [neighborhood] does not, including I-405 encroachment, and I do not feel it is fair to leave the Lake Lanes residents out of the discussion. I anticipate the response will be "there is opportunity for input during public comment"; however, with [neighborhood] selfishly focused only on keeping the route as far from their neighborhood as possible I don't feel they will be decent advocates for anyone outside of their boundaries, leaving the Lake Lanes residents without any kind of recourse.

I have CC'd [name], who lives at the north end of Lakes Lanes, and [name], who lives at the south end. [name] would have attended the 12/18 meeting if he'd been invited to it. I am waiting for an email address for [name] of Ripley Lane (Renton/unincorporated King Co.) and will pass it to you when I receive it. I ask that PSE contact these folks to talk about the oversight and what can be done to ensure their voices are heard and that they aren't railroaded by Somerset.

Thank you,

[name]
2013 & 2014 president, [neighborhood]

Communication ID: 72062

Communication (12/4/2013)

I just found out that one of the two proposed routes for PSE's new high power transmission line is along 116th Ave NE in Kirkland, cutting across the Bridle Trails and South Rose Hill neighborhoods. This is not acceptable, since PSE can run their new lines along their existing corridor east of Kirkland. As a homeowner living along 116th Ave in Kirkland, it's bad enough with all the trucks, noise, blowing trash, and smells from the Houghton Transfer Station. If high power transmission lines are now allowed to be run through the neighborhood, it will be time to sell the house and move out of Kirkland. Please stop this proposed PSE high power transmission line route through Kirkland.

Communication ID: 72068

Communication (12/5/2013)

Currently, the interactive map on the Energizeeastside web site shows all new powerlines West of Willow Road in Redmond. Please verify that no new lines are going to be installed in Redmond East of Willow road with this project.
Thank you.

Communication ID: 72069

Communication (12/5/2013)

I realize you need more transmission capacity for the major urban centers, but the cost associated with this infrastructure development must be enormous. Why don't you install your own solar panels on every available rooftop in the downtown Bellevue/Renton area to keep the needed energy production close to its usage while minimizing transmission costs? Additionally you should offer increased incentives for insulation and energy efficiency in older buildings. By all means you should sell off your coal power plant in Montana and lead green by example!!

Communication ID: 72085 - Voicemail: Question from article

Communication (12/5/2013)

Voicemail: Question from article

Yes, I'm right in the middle of reading this article about what you are doing with the new power lines on the Eastside and I have a question about... a certain aspect of that work, and I would appreciate a call back. My name is [name] and my telephone number is [phone number]. Thank you.

Communication ID: 72088

Communication (12/5/2013)

PUT IT UNDERGROUND!!!
And please do not respond with "It's too costly; it's not practical.." etc etc.
Surely the technology exists to make construction, and maintenance, of the underground alternative less costly nowadays. Note that underground instl eliminates risk of storm damage.
At some point in this process, present to your customers a chance to vote, weighing estimated costs of underground vs above-ground installation.

Communication ID: 72098

Communication (12/5/2013)

The area north of I90 and east of I405 is called WOODRIDGE not Woodbridge. Please change this on your map "energizeeastside".
Thank you.

Communication ID: 72103

Communication (12/5/2013)

What would the cost be to go underground? As opposed to overhead? How much per month would this increase a monthly bill? And for how many years? You mention repair issues, what type of repair issues is associated with underground cable? If buried is the cable in individual conduit? Is the cable sheathed? What would the possible failures be? Is the conduit concrete, rubber? In today's world we have too many ugly towers towering the landscape. Public opinion would state that. What are the EMF projections such as the substation recently put in near Juanita HS on NE 132nd and 120th NE. what about wireless transmission of electricity???????

Communication ID: 72104

Communication (12/5/2013)

I expect you will have a smart grid with some lifepo4 batteries along the route.

Communication ID: 72105

Communication (12/6/2013)

After looking at the different routes the one designated as A-C-E-J-M-N seems to make the most sense.
Thanks, [name]

Communication ID: 72106

Communication (12/6/2013)

Please keep me informed on this project. I don't understand why the route B is going past so many schools and why an underground route is not possible.

Communication ID: 72107

Communication (12/6/2013)

As a lifetime resident of the Bridle Trails neighborhood, I would like to say that my family is very much AGAINST the proposed route B that would take this power line route through our quiet area. We ALREADY have a HUGE power line route down our entire neighborhood running along 124th...Those big towers are ugly and they diminish the beauty of this area. AND...my little part of the block LOSES our power ALL THE TIME, for stupid little reasons: we are the first to lose it and the LAST to come back up....even though the lines run right down the street!!

Communication ID: 72113

Communication (12/6/2013)

Why don't you just go down NE 80th to 116th instead of crisscrossing through the neighborhood-wouldn't that be the easiest and most cost effective way to build? straight lines with one 90 degree turn at 116th or take it down 80th and go south on 124th where the power lines already are..seems to me 124th would be the best path and then people aren't going to be all upset because the lines are already there...you're going to get some terrible feedback from people on 122nd...make it work on 124th

Communication ID: 72121 - Voicemail: undergrounding segment B

Communication (12/6/2013)

Voicemail: undergrounding segment B

Hi, my name is [name] and I live at [address], Kirkland [zip]. My phone number is [phone number]. My question involves the segment B proposal and the lines that are going up 116th and then coming across the South Rose Hill neighborhood. We had heard from residents of Bridle Wood along 116th that that line is going to be undergrounded, so my question is, will the line that's going through South Rose Hill and jig-jagging through the neighborhood and paralleling and crossing over the Seattle City Light transmission powers—will that be undergrounded? So once again my name is [name], and my number here is [phone number]. Thank you. Bye-bye

Communication ID: 72123

Communication (12/6/2013)

What is the feasibility of burying this line below ground rather than building stanchions? This strikes me as having a huge negative impact on the livability of our neighborhood and on our property values. We already live close to a high transmission power line. There must be ways to mitigate the need for this new line or to mitigate the potential impact of this new line on our family neighborhood. I and my family are very opposed to this proposal.

Communication ID: 72142

Communication (12/7/2013)

Segment L --

It seems a bit insane to run transmission lines along the shores of Lake Washington, except financially. I suspect a rough order of magnitude estimate has been made--what is the cost differential of leg M over L?

Secondly, the specific designs of the Eastside Rail/Trail corridor project will clearly not support your schedule along option L. Will you be working in parallel especially the County to get their design matured to even consider option L? Otherwise, they will be building around you or forcing reroutes.

A third question, do you require dedicated ground easements? We have an unusual pinch point where we live, as there already is insufficient space for the 100' corridor easement, Lake Washington Blvd., and the expanded 405 Freeway to co-exist. The terrain will require substantial terraces and bulkhead walls. Eastside Corridor has admitted that they have yet to address the three dimensional constraint issues. The complex issue is that all of you will need to have you plans in place before anyone can move ahead--it is a perfect storm.

Good job at making this public and getting the discussion going.

Communication ID: 72143

Communication (12/7/2013)

What new easements will need to be obtained for the proposed 230K line?

Communication ID: 72144

Communication (12/7/2013)

Looks like my beautiful home is right in the path of this big idea that I just found out about TODAY the 7th of December, 2013. What do you mean by a corridor?? Large electrical swath E-W down 80th? Why don't you do it underground like Steilacoom? Why my beautiful neighborhood? Are you willing to pay 3X market value for real estate because I'm not willing to pay for having my neighborhood's intrinsic beauty destroyed -you are planning to make PSE customers PAY to devalue my neighborhood, right?? I have to dodge trains, Bertha, viaduct and two stadiums as it is to get home as it is... now this!

Communication ID: 72145

Communication (12/8/2013)

I was under the impression, when we bought into the Sablewood neighborhood, that we were paying for underground wiring on 116th. We already have high voltage wiring through Bridle Trails State Park. Why cannot further wiring be done along this same corridor. Adding yet another corridor through our area seems excessive.

Communication ID: 72147

Communication (12/8/2013)

Your proposed High transmission lines in South Rosehill will sure add to the eyesore your wires and poles present throughout our area. I used to think we have neighborhoods full of dead trees with wires and now we might get metal giants with wires. Where is Don Quixote when we need him so he could joust with your eye sores!

Communication ID: 72160

Communication (12/9/2013)

Please make sure you partner with homeowners along the Eastside Rail Corridor during all planning phases of this project. Thank you.

Communication ID: 72173

Communication (12/9/2013)

I highly oppose the proposed location of power line "B" through the South Rose Hill neighborhood, Power lines radiate stray voltage. Metal, such as the metal in house wiring and copper pipes becomes a conductor of stray voltage creating a phenomenon called dirty electricity. Dirty electricity has been implicated in being a contributing factor in cancer clusters.

<http://www.electricalpollution.com/documents/LaQuintacancercluster.pdf>

Dr Magda Havas has done extensive research on the effects of dirty electricity.

<http://www.magdahavas.com/category/electrosmog-exposure/dirty-electricity-electrosmog-exposure/>

Exposure to electromagnetic fields have been shown to be most damaging when exposure occurs during childhood and / or during the time when we are sleeping. Please re route the proposed lines as far as possible away from neighborhoods and schools.

Therefore, the least residential route would be the most preferable. In this case, it would mean that the east bound leg follow 85th street, I would like to ask PSE to consider the health of the citizens of this city over convenience and profits.

Communication ID: 72174

Communication (12/9/2013)

There is already a high powered transmission line going through Bridle Trails State Park between B and C. Why can we not tie into that existing line? Strengthen the existing support towers if necessary and then connect into point A.

Communication ID: 72175

Communication (12/9/2013)

With our modern technology do we have to expand electrical power grids above ground? We've got a lot of trees in the area and while these poles sound like they'll be quite tall, it still seems likely the power lines won't be as tall and likely for impact issues. As well, you're talking about running them at least 2 local schools and many others getting all the way to Talbot Hill. Seems like we could find ways to get these under ground for a good portion of this area and then combine with utility services along 405 or busier arterials but not in high density, school impacted zones.

Communication ID: 72178

Communication (12/9/2013)

Looking at the various routes and information on the Web site I think it would be best for the community and rate payers if the additional capacity was added to the existing route instead of creating new corridors for additional power lines.

Communication ID: 72185

Communication (12/10/2013)

Will the proposed new transmission towers/poles be used to also hold existing distribution lines so that the current distribution poles could be taken down? Or would both distribution poles and transmission towers/poles be needed?

Communication ID: 72203 - Email: speaker requested at neighborhood meeting

Communication (12/7/2013)

Email: speaker requested at neighborhood meeting

Dear Energize Eastside:
Proposed "Route B" will crisscross the [neighborhood] in Kirkland, running directly in front of three schools and causing great concern in our neighborhood (which is already bisected by the Seattle City Light Transmission Towers). The [neighborhood] Association would like to request a speaker to address our [date] meeting. I estimate there will be over 150 people in attendance. Perhaps the most vibrant and engaged neighborhood association in Kirkland, we meet at the [organization] at [address] from [time] pm. We would appreciate a presentation.
Thank you,
[name]

Communication ID: 72209 - Email: members of the CAG

Communication (12/8/2013)

Email: members of the CAG

Hi there!

Could you please email me a list of the persons who are member of the Energize Eastside Community Advisory Group?

RSVP,

[name]

Bellevue, WA

Communication ID: 72228

Communication (12/10/2013)

What do the colored lines on the map represent.? Are these lines possible additions, lines that do not currently exist, modifications to existing lines, or current lines?

Communication ID: 72244

Communication (12/10/2013)

Dear [name] -

I live in Somerset and the view from our house is already severely impacted by the existing transmission lines running through the neighborhood. PSE's proposed line J would further degrade the property values of my and my neighbors houses. Running the new line further to the west, and lower down, would not impact anyone's VIEW and thereby have a minimal impact on property values. A MAJOR reason for our move to Somerset was the view -- and we paid significantly more because of it.

The bottom line is: transmission line J = HUGE NEGATIVE IMPACT on property values in Somerset; alternative lines (G1, G2, I or H, K1, K2) = minor impact on property values near the new lines. Or, we think that running the new line along the rail corridor makes the most sense.

I am a big supporter of many things PSE is doing. We have a 7.5kW solar array on our roof and appreciate PSE's support of rooftop solar, as well as the utility-scale wind projects in eastern WA. We pay extra to support wind energy. I know running new transmission through developed areas is challenging. But I ask that you very carefully consider land-use and ways to minimize overall impact on homeowners. Please remove the J corridor from consideration for transmission expansion.

Best Regards,
[name]

Communication ID: 72271 - Email: visual impacts

Communication (12/9/2013)

Email: visual impacts

It sure would be useful to know what a 230 kV power line looks like (mast configuration, etc) and have questions like impact on considered rights of way spelled out. For example, on the 136th Ave ROW can it be integrated with the power line already there WITHOUT having to take out more trees?

Communication ID: 72275 - Voicemail: burying line

Communication (12/9/2013)

Voicemail: burying line

My name is [name], my address is [address], Redmond [zip], phone number [phone number]. It's about 1:05 on Monday the eighth. I was calling—I was wondering if there's any thought been given to burying the power lines, kind of like they have done in Europe. I realize it's more expensive, but with more frequent severe wind storms predicted, perhaps it would be worthwhile to invest in that and pay it off with some kind of long term bond. Look forward to hearing from you, thank you so much. Bye now.

Communication ID: 72277 - Voicemail: segment L

Communication (12/9/2013)

Voicemail: segment L

Yes, we have a question about route L along Lake Washington. Will that occupy Lake Washington Boulevard's right of way? Or the old railroad's right of way? And how will you handle it through Gene Coulon Park? My number is [phone number].

Communication ID: 72279 - Email: undergrounding

Communication (12/9/2013)

Email: undergrounding

Will new transmission lines be under ground?

Communication ID: 72283 - Voicemail: Segment I

Communication (12/9/2013)

Voicemail: Segment I

My name is [name]. I live at [address], Newcastle. I'm looking at the potential map for this electric grid, I guess, upgrade, and I'm kind of interested in what letter I "I" represents—is there a trail there or something? I live between, let's see, it's the petrochemical line for Seattle and the giant electric overheads and the City of Seattle water main, so I'm curious about that. My telephone number is [phone number]. It's Monday afternoon around 3:30 pm, so if someone rings me back I would appreciate it. Thank you.

Communication ID: 72284 - Voicemail: energy conservation

Communication (12/9/2013)

Voicemail: energy conservation

Hello, my name is [name], I live at [address] in Kirkland, and my phone number is [phone number]. Just got your Energize Eastside—basically a bit short of electricity by about 2017. I have to say, having come from Europe, I've lived here for 10 years, I'm actually staggered at the waste of energy basically in the states. I believe that in Europe now the minimum standards for building a house is treble-raising (?) and I know the IV values as you call them are much higher in Europe for new buildings, actually there's a lot of old buildings but actually they're so thick and built out of stone that they're actually pretty good at keeping the heat in anyway apart from the windows. And the other thing I've noticed, I can't believe that the old water heaters don't have a timer on them. I've never come across a water heater in my life until I came to America with a water heater with no timer. Basically, if you're not heating water over night, why heat it? Again, heating elements only come on when they're required, first thing in the morning and in the evening. The timers are on all heaters in Europe. I'm sure there's a lot of electricity to be saved if you could actually encourage manufacturers, A, to supply it, B, consumers to fit it. I certainly would. And, also, instantaneous hot water at the tap would save a lot of water and save wasted power. That could be done again with a timer and circulating water. So, I think there's a lot of things that could be done and actually America is not trying very hard.

Communication ID: 72287 - Voicemail: freight railroad

Communication (12/10/2013)

Voicemail: freight railroad

Hello, this is [name]. I'm the founder and general manager of the [company name]. We operate three freight railroads in Western Washington. Puget Sound Energy has an easement on our Eastside freight railroad right of way from Woodinville to Snohomish, I believe. I'd like to talk to either Leann Kostek, Senior Project Manager or Cody Olson, Community Projects Manager, about the brochure I see here that came to our railroad office. So please one of those two please call me at the railroad office in Seattle, [phone number]. Again this is [name], general manager, [company]. I'm most concerned about what might be going on on the right of way of our Eastside freight railroad between Woodinville and Maltby and Snohomish. You'd be my first contact after viewing with alarm the Energize Eastside project newsletter that I got in the mail a couple of days ago Thank you. Bye.

Communication ID: 72289 - email: substation location

Communication (12/10/2013)

email: substation location

Hi;

I received your mailer regarding proposed substations.

I have a couple of questions and comments. A substation was put in on Bel-Red Road and about 156th within the last year--less than 2 miles from my house. Why does this new substation not show up on your map? At the time we residents were told that this new substation would update and meet our needs for many many years, provide less power failures, etc. Now we are being told 2017?

Also, what is the address of the Proposed Westminster substation? It looks like it is in about the same location as the new Eastlink Rapid Transit Station will be built.

I am not happy about the idea of two substations within a mile or two of my home. I have lived in this house for 35 years. Could the power rate increases I see in between the lines (no pun intended) occur for the businesses and high rise buildings being developed and built in my neighborhood, and not for it's long term residents?

Sincerely,
[name]

Communication ID: 72292 - Email: route segments

Communication (12/10/2013)

Email: route segments

I'm looking for more information on the Energize Eastside routes. Myself and other friends and neighbors live on the Eastside, and I'm getting questions about the route options—as well as I'm concerned. For example, is part of the route going down the existing right of way for Northwest Pipeline, etc. I tried to look on line, but I'm not getting to the details to know exactly where the proposed routes are. Thanks.

Communication ID: 72295 - Email: Segment B

Communication (12/10/2013)

Email: Segment B

Hello,

I note with interest the Energize Eastside initiative, and support the need for such a project. I am resident of [neighborhood], on NE 88th Street, and note that one of the potential routes, segment B, appears to cut right through my neighborhood, which is, of course, a residential neighborhood. Can you provide me the specifics of the route, i.e. what streets and avenues would be part of the route?

I look forward to being involved in the planning of the project in 2014.

Communication ID: 72296 - Email: Eastgate

Communication (12/10/2013)

Email: Eastgate

To whom it may concern,

We received your flyer indicating the expansion of power stations on the eastside. As a resident of Eastgate with the power lines over our property, we are concerned what effect this will have on our current situation. Are you going to put in higher powered lines? Will you be taking more space for poles? What affect will this have on our property values? Will we be able to keep our cell site?

If this is going to be a major change, who can we address about our concerns?

Sincerely,

[name & name]
[address]

Communication ID: 72300 - Voicemail: undergrounding

Communication (12/10/2013)

Voicemail: undergrounding

Yeah, this is in regard to your new power lines you're thinking about putting up along 405. Why aren't you considering putting it underground under the present wires that you have through Kirkland? It seems to me an underground wiring system would not interfere with surrounding homes. You have a power line running through, like I say, through Bellevue and Kirkland and if you could utilize the ground underneath it for a power line... Alright, thank you, this is [name], [phone number]. Thank you.

Communication ID: 72306 - Voicemail: neighborhood briefing

Communication (12/10/2013)

Voicemail: neighborhood briefing

My name is [name and I'm the secretary newsletter editor for the [neighborhood] Association, which is near one of the—near the Lakeside substation that you show in the Energize Eastside brochure. My address is [address] and the [neighborhood] Association's about 450 homes are quite close to the Lakeside, in particular route E. We would like to see about scheduling you to offer us a briefing at our annual meeting in February on the [date]. If you could call me and just give me some information about what might be included in a briefing to residential area, I would like to know. Thank you very much. [name], [phone number]. Bye.

Communication ID: 72307 - Email: cost v. benefits

Communication (12/10/2013)

Email: cost v. benefits

Dear PSE,

Puget Sound Energy asked me to join an advisory group a year or so ago. I tried to respond, only the site was not set up properly and I emailed and called and spent several hours trying to alert the company to broken links and all.

You have now spent money again asking for an advisory group and who knows if you ever got the last problems fixed?

PSE seems to think they need to raise rates for existing customers to pay for the millions of dollars they need to provide service to new housing. The developers and new homeowners need to pay those costs. I have lived in my home for 36 years and now use less electricity as a single adult than when our family of four all ate, took showers, had lights on all over the house and dirtied four loads of laundry weekly.

You have never reduced the basic/minimum charge for me, nor recognized the LED lights, or new energy efficient furnace, nor decision to buy a gas water heater, nor extra insulation from my vinyl siding over existing siding, nor anything else I have done to help.

Exactly why should I now pay more in charges so PSE can benefit from more construction being built elsewhere? Please let me know your reasoning.

Sincerely,

[name], retired school teacher whose pension is already under attack
[address]