

Briefing Notes: South Rose Hill / Bridle Trails Neighborhood Association

Meeting host: South Rose Hill / Bridle Trails Neighborhood Association

Location: Lake Washington Methodist Church, 7525 132nd Ave. NE, Kirkland

Date: Jan. 14, 2014

Time: 7:00 – 9:00 p.m.

Purpose and overview: The South Rose Hill / Bridle Trails Neighborhood Association invited Puget Sound Energy (PSE) to provide a briefing on the Energize Eastside project at the association's bimonthly meeting held on Jan. 14, 2014.

At the briefing, the project team:

- Made in-person introductions to South Rose Hill / Bridle Trails Neighborhood Association members, community members and elected officials
- Informed community members about the project need, details and schedule
- Described PSE's work to date, explained how and encouraged community members to get involved in the public routing discussion
- Served as a resource for project information and answered questions

Proposed Segments A and B cross through the South Rose Hill / Bridle Trails neighborhoods.

Format: Prior to the presentation, project team staff members were available throughout the room to answer questions and make in-person introductions to community members. Informational materials were provided at the sign-in table. Cody Olson, Community Projects Manager, PSE, provided a presentation on Energize Eastside, including an overview of the project, discussing why the project is needed and how South Rose Hill / Bridle Trails Neighborhood Association members can get involved with the public routing discussion.

Themes heard or provided via comment cards

Note: This section reflects a synthesis of individual questions, comments and themes that came up at the meeting. The synthesis provided is not intended for use as a verbatim transcription. Attendees were encouraged to provide comments on hard-copy comment cards or through the project website following the meeting.

- Interest in why PSE is exploring routes in addition to the existing line along the utility corridor, and the cost differences between the route segments
- Interest in the existing lines in the area owned by Seattle City Light (SCL), whether SCL plans to increase capacity or increase the size of their lines, and if PSE's 230 kV line could be installed on the SCL towers
- Interest in what the new lines would look like, how the existing system would change if the new line were implemented, and whether cell towers would be placed on new poles

- Interest in how Route C would fit next to Bridle Trails State Park, and whether easements would be required to do so
- Concerns about potential use of eminent domain
- Interest in buffers for the 230 kV line: standard tree buffers, along rights-of-way, and if access roads would be needed along rights-of-way
- Concerns that power for newer development could disrupt older neighborhoods
- Interest in overall power system reliability
- Concerns about potential public health effects from transmission lines
- Interest in the regulation process the project will need to go through
- Interest in how neighbors can let their voices be heard on the project
- Interest in the decision-making process for determining the selected route and the role that cities have in that process

PSE appreciates community input and expression of interests and concerns. Input from the community will help PSE with the route selection process as the project moves forward.