

Briefing Notes: Somerset Community Association

Meeting host: Somerset Community Association

Location: Forest Ridge Girls Academy, Ackerly Room, Bellevue

Date: Jan. 23, 2014

Time: 7:15 – 8:30 p.m.

Purpose and overview: The Somerset Community Association (SCA) invited Puget Sound Energy (PSE) to provide a briefing on the Energize Eastside project at the association's annual general membership meeting held on Jan. 23, 2014.

At the briefing, the project team:

- Made in-person introductions to SCA members
- 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 Segment J crosses through the Somerset neighborhood, and proposed Segments I and K2 are nearby.

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. Andy Wappler, Vice President Corporate Affairs, PSE, provided a presentation on Energize Eastside, including an overview of the project, discussing why the project is needed and how SCA 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 pole design and height, and aesthetics of the new line compared to the existing line
- Interest in voltage of the existing line and how voltage affects clearance requirements
- Interest in how to get involved, including what information would be available at open houses in late January 2014, advisory group and Sub-Area Committee process and timeline for a preferred route selection
- Interest in an alternative solution involving undergrounding related to: feasibility, cost, and a hybrid above and below ground option
- Concerns about potential effects on property values with respect to view impacts, and how that might compare to the cost of undergrounding

- Interest in routing, including maximizing use of the rail corridor and potentially routing around the existing Olympic Pipeline
- Interest in what would happen with the existing 115 kV line that runs through Somerset

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.