

Briefing Notes: Kennydale Neighborhood Association

Meeting host: Kennydale Neighborhood Association

Location: Kennydale Elementary School, Renton

Date: Jan. 28, 2014

Time: 7:45 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

Purpose and overview: Kennydale Neighborhood Association (KNA) invited Puget Sound Energy (PSE) to provide a briefing on the Energize Eastside project at KNA's quarterly neighborhood meeting held on Jan. 28, 2014.

At the briefing, the project team:

- Made in-person introductions to KNA 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
- Answered questions

Proposed segments L (along Lake Washington Blvd. and Seahawks Way) and M (existing PSE corridor) cross through Kennydale.

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 Kennydale neighborhood 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 other potential route alternatives, including: feeding from Fall City to Redmond using existing corridor, removing the 115 kV lines along Lake Washington Blvd. if PSE implements segment H, partnership with Seattle City Light
- Interest in undergrounding or submarine alternative solution
- Interest in increasing voltage of 115 kV lines on existing structures
- Interest in routing new transmission infrastructure further east, around dense urban and suburban areas
- Interest in options for removing existing distribution lines if transmission lines to be nearby
- Concern that the transmission line to be routed through Renton would specifically serve Boeing

- Interest in comparison of construction challenges between segments M and L
- Interest in number of power lines through Kennydale if segment L were selected
- Concern for safety and space needed between a 230 kV line and anything nearby
- Interest in the Community Advisory Group process, how to get involved and project schedule
- Interest in BNSF rail corridor in relation to Energize Eastside
- Recommendation that rail corridor to be saved for trails and light rail, allowing for more mass transit in the area in the future
- Support for route selection focusing on neighborhood needs rather than needs of developers interested in bringing new apartments and hotel complexes in the area
- Concern about reduction in home values due to potential project views
- Concern about possible effects to wildlife, particularly bald eagles and osprey that feed and nest along segment L and that Fish & Wildlife regulations might prevent high tension power lines in eagle feeding areas
- Concern about seeping water from springs in Kennydale, which was stated to have already caused foundation slippage and could which be potentially induced by earthquakes
- Concern about access and public safety for joggers, walkers, bikers and drivers that use the shoreline
- Concern about noise from power lines and related effects on quality of life

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.