

Briefing Notes: Olympus Homeowners Association

Meeting host: Olympus Homeowners Association

Location: Firestation #9, Bellevue, WA

Date: Feb. 24, 2014

Time: 7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

Purpose and overview: Olympus Homeowners Association (HOA) invited Puget Sound Energy (PSE) to provide a briefing on the Energize Eastside project at the group's neighborhood meeting held on Feb. 24, 2014.

At the briefing, the project team:

- Made in-person introductions to Olympus HOA 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 segment M is situated on the eastern side of the Olympus HOA, and proposed segment L is west of the HOA.

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 Olympus HOA 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 comparison of construction challenges between segments M and L
- Concerns about health and safety from EMF and compatibility of nearby uses, including potential vibrations from construction, operation and maintenance near the Olympic Pipeline if segment M were selected
- Interest in how PSE plans to limit vibrations, control for damages and provide compensation during potential construction near the Olympic Pipeline
- Preference for routing along segment L due to safety concerns for routing the line along the existing corridor near the Olympic Pipeline
- Interest in segment L cost estimates for PSE and for neighboring property owners

- Interest in alternative solutions, including: undergrounding alternative and associated costs, purchasing surplus power from Seattle City Light and using existing Seattle City Light structures
- Interest in relative criteria weighting used to determine segments
- Preference for pole structure design preceding route selection
- Interest in what new pole structures could look like on segment M
- Recommendation that PSE find an alternate solution to routing overhead lines through the Olympus HOA
- Concern that increasing development helps PSE profit
- Interest in cost for undergrounding
- Interest in the number of miles of the proposed new line could potentially be routed through Newcastle
- Interest in permitting, the environmental review process, which route options will be analyzed and lead agency determination
- Interest in seeing visual simulations for each route segment
- Concerns about potential effects to properties along the existing corridor due to potential need to widen the corridor if segment M were chosen
- Interest in for how long the infrastructure will satisfy Eastside energy demands before another upgrade is needed
- Interest in topographical effects on a routing decision
- Concern that businesses have a higher demand for power than residences, and preference for keeping the route out of residential areas
- Preference for industry paying for energy if industry demands the most power
- Concerns about noise from higher voltage line
- Concern that the infrastructure upgrade to 230 kilovolts (kV) from 115 kV would increase capacity beyond demand needs, and interest in potential of using existing 115 kV lines instead to meet demand

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.