

Briefing Notes: Sunset Community Association

Meeting host: Sunset Community Association

Location: Bellevue City Hall, Council Chambers, 450 110th Ave NE, Bellevue, WA

Date: Thurs., Feb. 27, 2014

Time: 7:00 – 8:30 p.m.

Purpose and overview: The South Sunset 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 Feb. 27, 2014.

At the briefing, the project team:

- Made in-person introductions to SCA 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

Segment E is situated on the western side of the Sunset neighborhood, and segment G2 is just to the south. Segment E is part of the existing 115 kV line. The existing Lakeside substation, possibly to be expanded with the Energize Eastside project, is in the Sunset neighborhood.

Format: Prior to the presentation, project team staff members were available to answer questions and make in-person introductions to community members. Informational materials including large maps 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 what the poles would look like, how high they would be and what clearance would be required
- Interest in why PSE was looking at options other than the existing 115 kV line
- Interest in how many properties could be affected if segment E were chosen for the final route, and the use of public right-of-way vs. backyards of properties situated along segment E
- Interest in whether a new 230 kV line would eliminate outages such as the one the neighborhood experienced in January during a wind storm, due to tree limbs, and a discussion of "tree wire" that is sometimes used to reduce tree damage
- Concerns about a 230 kV line sharing space with the Olympic pipeline

- Interest in the public's role in the route selection process
- Interest in the substations being considered as part of the Energize Eastside project, and concerns about safety and security of substations, given an attack on one in San Jose in 2013
- Interest in the need for vaults when undergrounding transmission lines

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.