

Briefing Notes: Lake Heights Community Club

Meeting host: Lake Heights Community Club

Location: Newport Hills Swim and Tennis Club, Bellevue, WA

Date: Wed., March 12, 2014

Time: 7:30 – 9:00 p.m.

Purpose and overview: The Lake Heights Community Club invited Puget Sound Energy (PSE) to provide a briefing on the Energize Eastside project at the association's annual general membership meeting held on March 12, 2014.

At the briefing, the project team:

- Made in-person introductions to Lake Heights Community Club members and community members attending the meeting
- 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

Segments H and K1 are situated to the north of Lake Heights, and the north end of segment L is west of Lake Heights.

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. 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 Lake Heights Community Club 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 whether a neighborhood or a city would be responsible for payment for undergrounding upon request by a neighborhood
- Interest in underground cables' outage risks
- Interest in whether a potential new line along segment L would be above or below grade
- Interest in which segments follow existing power lines and why options other than segments following the existing corridor are in consideration
- Interest in learning whether building on the existing corridor could be less expensive and result in fewer potential effects to nearby properties than building new infrastructure where there is no existing 115 kV infrastructure

- Preference for following the existing corridor as much as possible to avoid siting power lines along Lake Washington, including undergrounding lines if it is absolutely necessary to select segment L
- Concerns about potential effects to property values from aesthetics of new pole structures for 230 kV lines
- Interest in visual simulations showing views along segments, specifically to provide a sense of scale for a 100-foot structure relative to nearby trees
- Interest in compensation in the case of potential effects to property values related to views
- Interest in rate increases due to project cost
- Interest in whether or not the proposed line would impact power generation needs
- Interest in learning more about the details of the different proposed route segments that the Community Advisory Group will review
- Interest in the percentage of energy demand from residential vs. industrial uses, and concern that the majority of demand comes from industry
- Interest in decreasing demand enough to eliminate need for new infrastructure through conservation programs and use of solar panels
- Interest in how to get involved and provide input

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.