

## Briefing Notes: Bridle Trails Community Club

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**Meeting host:** Bridle Trails Community Club

**Location:** Cherry Crest Elementary School

**Date:** May 15, 2014

**Time:** 7 - 8:30 p.m.

**Total attendees:** ~100

**Purpose and overview:** The Bridle Trails Community Club invited Puget Sound Energy (PSE) to provide a briefing on the Energize Eastside project at the general meeting held on May 15, 2014. A portion of Segment B borders Bridle Trails on the West. A portion of Segment C also runs through the neighborhood.

At the briefing, the project team:

- Met Bridle Trails 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, and explained how community members can get involved in the public routing discussion
- Answered questions

**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. Jens Nedrud, Deputy Project Manager, provided a presentation on Energize Eastside, including an overview of the project, discussing why the project is needed and how Bridle Trails Community Club members can get involved in the public routing discussion. A panel of PSE staff including Andy Wappler, Vice President of Corporate Affairs, Andrew Lightfoot, Project Engineer, Gretchen Aliabadi, Communications Initiatives Manager, and Keri Pravitz, Community Projects Manager answered audience questions following the presentation.

### 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 undergrounding the proposed transmission line
- Questions about the cost of undergrounding and alternative payment options for undergrounding
- Concerns about the safety of having the 230 kilovolt (kV) line underground or aboveground near the Olympic Pipeline
- Question about national security risk of above ground transmission lines
- Question about reliability of underground transmission lines
- Interest in the route selection process and alternatives considered
- Interest in PSE using the existing Seattle City Light transmission corridor
- Question about technological improvements over the past 50 years and how these affect efficiency and cost
- Concern that pole height will diminish neighborhood character

- Concern that the Community Advisory Group process is creating conflict between neighborhoods and that each neighborhood is not equally represented
- Question about the growth numbers presented and possible conflict with other growth studies
- Concern that the electromagnetic fields (EMF) from the 230 kV lines may affect the health of nearby residents
- Question about how this project affects the regional system
- Interest in how PSE will address the variety of existing easements along Segment C
- Request for PSE to listen to feedback from neighborhoods during this process

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.