

## Briefing Notes: Newport Shores

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**Meeting host:** Newport Shores Homeowners Association

**Location:** Newport Shores Clubhouse

**Date:** July 17, 2014

**Time:** 7:00 – 8:00 p.m.

**Total attendees:** approximately 50

**Purpose and overview:** The Newport Shores Homeowners Association invited Puget Sound Energy (PSE) to provide a briefing on the Energize Eastside project at a neighborhood meeting held on July 17, 2014. Portions of Segments H and L border Newport Shores to the east.

At the briefing, the project team:

- Met Newport Shores community members
- Informed community members about the project need, details and schedule
- Described PSE's work to date
- 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. Andy Wappler, Vice President of Corporate affairs, provided a presentation on Energize Eastside, including an overview of the project, discussing why the project is needed and how Newport Shores community members can get involved with the public routing discussion. Jens Nedrud, Deputy Project Manager, Gretchen Aliabadi, Communications Initiatives Manager and Jackson Taylor, Community Projects Manager, were available to answer questions.

### 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.*

- Questions about the Eastside customer demand forecast and the supporting regional growth data
- Questions about conservation alternatives such as batteries and time-of-use programs
- Questions about wheeling power in the region
- Interest in PSE using the existing Seattle City Light transmission corridor
- Concern about the transmission line's impact on property values
- Questions about the location and size of future poles and the required easements
- Concerns about creating new transmission line corridors and interest in using existing corridors
- Questions about the permitting process and the role local government plays in the decision
- Question about PSE's easement purchase along Segment L
- Questions about the timing of the project and possibility of delaying the project until alternative technologies mature
- Question about how commercial development is impacting the load growth
- Interest in energy efficiency regulations for new development

- Questions about the longevity of the project
- Questions about how the new transmission line increases regional capacity
- Interest in incentivizing gas-powered heat to reduce electric need
- Interest in third-party studies that validate the project need
- Concern about vegetation removal in the transmission line corridor
- Questions about the feasibility and payment of undergrounding the transmission line
- Interest in submerging the transmission line in Lake Washington
- 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.