

Briefing Notes: Monthaven (Bellevue) Neighborhood Meeting

Meeting host: Monthaven Homeowners Association

Location: Puesta Del Sol Elementary School, 3810 132nd Ave, Bellevue, WA 98006

Date: April 13, 2016

Time: 6:00 – 7:00 p.m.

Purpose and overview: The Monthaven Homeowners Association invited Puget Sound Energy (PSE) to provide a presentation on the Energize Eastside project and answer community questions at their April 13 meeting. The Monthaven neighborhood is directly affected by the Energize Eastside project. The neighborhood is located on Segment P.

At the briefing, the project team:

- Informed residents about the project and PSE's preferred route
- Shared photo simulations of how the new poles could look at Tyee Middle School and along SE Allen Road and SE Newport Way
- Informed the neighborhood about how they can get involved in the EIS process
- Answered questions and learned about community concerns

Format: Jens Nedrud, Project Manager, and Keri Pravitz, Community Projects Manager, gave a presentation on Energize Eastside. Topics included an overview of the project, why the project is needed, how the need has been verified, how PSE got to the preferred route (i.e., Community Advisory Group recommendation, fieldwork, community concerns, and impacts documented in the Phase 1 Draft Environmental Impact Statement), photo simulations, and the EIS process. Throughout the presentation Jens and Keri answered questions from community members.

Themes heard

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 asked questions or made comments about the following topics related to Energize Eastside:

- Pole heights, diameter, design and location, especially along SE Newport Way
- Transmission line voltages and distance from the ground
- Project timeline
- Cost of the project and who pays for it
- Project need (i.e., load growth, reliability and system capacity)
- Tree removal and the differences in vegetation standards for distribution and transmission lines
- Interest in the Environmental Impact Statement process, including the two-phased approach and alternatives being carried forward from Phase 1
- Analyses performed and surveys of the existing utility corridor

PSE appreciates community input and expression of interests and concerns. PSE will continue to listen and learn as the project and the EIS process continue.