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Washington State
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Environmental Review Section
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Subject: NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY – PUGET SOUND ENERGY’S ENERGIZE EASTSDIE EIS CONSISTENCY ANALYSIS/ADDENDUM

Notice is hereby given that the Environmental Impact Statement Addendum (EIS Addendum) for the proposal described below has been prepared and is available for public review.

NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY – ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT (EIS) CONSISTENCY ANALYSIS/ADDENDUM

PROJECT NAME: Puget Sound Energy’s Energize Eastside
PROJECT NUMBER: LUA18-000055, CU-H, SME
LOCATION: From PSE’s Talbot Hill Substation (2400 S Puget Dr. continuing north along the existing PSE transmission line corridor to the northern City limits

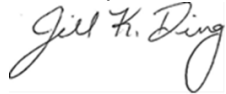
DESCRIPTION: The proposal begins at the City’s northern boundary with Newcastle and ends at the existing Talbot Hill substation. The proposed transmission line upgrade is located entirely within PSE’s existing 100-ft electrical transmission utility corridor. The project site is located within multiple zoning designations, including: Commercial Arterial (CA), Commercial Office Residential (COR), Center Village (CV), Light Industrial (IL), Residential-1 (R-1), Residential-10 (R-10), Residential-14 (R-14), Residential-4 (R-4), Residential-6 (R-6), Residential-8 (R-8), Resource Conservation (RC), and Residential Multi-Family (RM-F).

In order to ensure that the submitted Conditional Use Permit application materials are consistent with the existing environmental documents prepared for the Energize Eastside project, the City contracted with EA Engineering, Science, and Technology, Inc., PBC to prepare an Environmental Consistency Analysis. The following elements of the environment have been addressed in the Environmental Consistency Analysis: Earth, Water Resources, Plants &

Animals, Greenhouse Gases, Environmental Health: EMF, Environmental Health: Pipeline Safety, Land Use & Housing, Scenic Views & Aesthetics, Historic & Cultural Resources, Recreation, and Economics. The Environmental Consistency Analysis determined that the impacts of development under the proposed Conditional Use Permit application materials are within the scope of impacts analyzed under the EIS alternatives in the past SEPA review. The proposed mitigation measures are within the scope of the 2018 FEIS, and there are no significant unavoidable impacts that cannot be mitigated.

Copies are available for review at the Renton City Hall, Customer Service Counter, 6th floor, 1055 South Grady Way, Renton WA 98057, and on the City of Renton web site: www.rentonwa.gov.

Sincerely,



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Enclosure

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**NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY OF
ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT (EIS) CONSISTENCY ANALYSIS
/ EIS ADDENDUM**

Notice is hereby given that an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) Consistency Analysis / EIS Addendum (Consistency Analysis) for the proposal described below has been prepared and is available for public review. The City of Renton Environmental Review Committee (ERC) has determined that the proposed action is consistent with the alternatives and impacts analyzed in the Energize Eastside Project Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS) (March 2018). The proposed changes to the FEIS's mitigation measures as reflected in the Consistency Analysis are within the scope of the FEIS, and there are no significant unavoidable adverse impacts that cannot be mitigated. Copies of the Consistency Analysis are available for review at the Renton City Hall, Customer Service Counter, 6th floor, 1055 South Grady Way, Renton WA 98057, and on the City of Renton web site: (www.rentonwa.gov).

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APPLICANT: Brad Strauch, PSE, PO Box 97034, EST-3, Bellevue, WA 98009-9734

PROJECT NAME: Puget Sound Energy - Energize Eastside

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: The applicant is requesting Hearing Examiner Conditional Use Permit approval and a Shoreline Exemption for the upgrade of 4 miles of two existing 115 kV transmission lines with two 230 kV transmission lines beginning at the City's northern boundary with Newcastle and ending at the existing Talbot Hill substation. The upgrade is located entirely within PSE's existing 100-ft electrical transmission utility corridor. The project site is located within multiple zoning designations, including: Commercial Arterial (CA), Commercial Office Residential (COR), Center Village (CV), Light Industrial (IL), Residential-1 (R-1), Residential-10 (R-10), Residential-14 (R-14), Residential-4 (R-4), Residential-6 (R-6), Residential-8 (R-8), Resource Conservation (RC), and Residential Multi-Family (RM-F). The proposed upgrade would require the replacement of approximately 144 existing wood and steel poles (H-frame designs) with approximately 41 steel monopoles of either single-circuit or double-circuit design. The height of the proposed poles would vary by location, but are estimated at an average height of between 85 and 95 feet. Within the Talbot Hill substation, additional breakers and associated controls will be added to accommodate the new lines. The Project's southern extent is PSE's Talbot Hill substation located at 2400 S. Puget Drive. From the substation, the Project continues north along the existing PSE transmission line corridor to the northern city limits, between I-405 and the eastern city limits. Multiple critical areas are mapped along the project corridor including wetlands, streams, steep slopes, landslide hazards, coal mine hazards, and wellhead protection areas. The project would include the replacement of aerial wire across the Cedar River, which is classified as a Shoreline of the State. The project proposes the replacement of poles outside of the 200-foot shoreline jurisdiction and the aerial wire crossing would not require any disturbances within the shoreline jurisdiction.

PROJECT LOCATION: From PSE's Talbot Hill Substation (2400 S Puget Dr. continuing north along the existing PSE transmission line corridor to the northern City limits

LEAD AGENCY: City of Renton
Environmental Review Committee
Department of Community & Economic Development

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: If you would like additional information, please contact Jill Ding, City of Renton at (425)430-6598

DATE OF NOTICE: December 13, 2019

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