

January 26, 2015

## **CITY COUNCIL AGENDA MEMORANDUM**

### **SUBJECT**

The application of **Puget Sound Energy (PSE)** to construct a new 115 kV overhead transmission line connecting the existing Lake Hills Substation with the Phantom Lake Substation. The 2.89 mile route and approximately 39 new poles will be in the right-of-way along SE 16<sup>th</sup> Street, 148<sup>th</sup> Avenue SE and NE, and NE 8<sup>th</sup> Street.

### **FISCAL IMPACT**

Approving this action has no fiscal impact to the City of Bellevue. A mitigation fee of \$856,740 has been imposed on PSE for adverse impacts caused by the removal of 295 trees along the public right-of-way. This money will be used exclusively to provide new vegetation and materials (plants, soil, irrigation etc.) as prescribed in the Final Landscape and Irrigation Plans that will constitute the Final Mitigation Plan. Tree removal plans as well as the final mitigation plans will be reviewed under the Clearing and Grading Permit.

### **STAFF CONTACT**

Gary N. McLean, Hearing Examiner – 452-6934

### **POLICY CONSIDERATION**

Whether the application complies with the Bellevue City Code and applicable decision criteria.

### **BACKGROUND**

For background information, please review the attached Hearing Examiner's Summary.

### **EFFECTIVE DATE**

The matter will be introduced at Discussion of Upcoming Items on January 26 and is scheduled for Council action on February 2, 2015. If adopted, the Ordinance concerning this application will become effective on February 10, 2015.

### **OPTIONS**

1. Approve the application as recommended by the Examiner.
2. Approve the application with additions or modifications.
3. Deny the application.
4. Remand the matter.

### **HEARING EXAMINER'S RECOMMENDATION**

When presented on February 2, 2015, adopt the Hearing Examiner's Findings and Recommendation, and approve the Ordinance.

**ATTACHMENTS**

Hearing Examiner's Summary

Vicinity and Site Maps

Hearing Examiner Report

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The Department (DSD) supporting file