

April 20, 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 16th Street, 148th Avenue SE and NE, and NE 8th 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 was introduced at Discussion of Upcoming Items on January 26, 2015 and is scheduled for Council discussion and direction on April 20, 2015. If directed, staff will prepare an Ordinance concerning this application for adoption at a future meeting.

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 for action, adopt the Hearing Examiner's Findings and Recommendation, and approve the Ordinance.

ATTACHMENTS

Hearing Examiner's Summary
Vicinity and Site Maps

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The Department (DSD) supporting file