

ERS Recommendations/MOU list

No.	Title	City Lead	Brief Description	Implementation or Disposition
1	Joint City/ PSE Reliability Workshops	PCD	The objective of this annual workshop is to review PSE electric system performance during the prior calendar year as reported in PSE's Electric Reliability Report and discuss ongoing and planned actions in support of system and service reliability. This is the key framework driving ongoing reliability improvements, allowing additional and structured engagement and development of internal expertise across departments that the City has been seeking. It also allows City and stakeholder engagement in more detail than in the past.	Although PSE reporting requirements are already in the existing Reliability MOU, the workshops are additionally Included in the <b>MOU</b> to document a continuing undertaking of the parties. The process was started in 2012; three have been held and the 2014 workshop will be held 2Q 2015. Deliverables are a PSE Reliability Report and peer utility scorecard.
2	Joint City/ PSE Planning Workshops	PCD	This annual joint staff meeting focuses on information and knowledge exchanges relating to long term planning. City, PSE and PSRC growth projections are discussed, as is the Major Projects List and any anticipated system plan expansions and capacity and regulatory changes.	The workshop is included in the <b>MOU</b> to document it as an continuing undertaking of the parties. The process was started in 2012, two have been held and the 2015 workshop is being scheduled. Deliverables are documented information and knowledge exchanges.
3	Integrated Resource Plan (IRP)	PCD	Statute requires electric utilities such as PSE to develop and submit a biennial Integrated Resource Plan (IRP). This is an analysis describing the mix of generating resources, conservation, methods, technologies, and resources to integrate renewable resources and, where applicable, address overgeneration events, and efficiency resources that will meet current and projected needs at the lowest reasonable cost to the utility and its ratepayers and that complies with the requirements specified in RCW 19.280.030(1).	The <b>MOU</b> provides for PSE supporting for the City's continued participation in this biennial process. The city is growing its awareness of the Integrated Resource Plan Advisory Group (IRPAG) process, participating at present in its third IRP (Bellevue is the only city on the IRPAG). This implementation is connected with Items 2 and 9.
4	Vegetation Management	DSD	Review the city's vegetation management policies and regulations around electrical utility facility substations.	The review of the city's vegetation management policies is programmed into DSD's LUCA work program. Deliverables are code changes allowing for vegetation management that reduces tree outage risks. Implement timing depends on priority given the task by Council on the DSD code amendment docket.
5	Community Communications	OEM	City personnel meet and coordinate with PSE personnel to understand and support PSE's implementation capabilities of their computerized outage management system.	This was combined in the <b>MOU</b> with Item 6 into one provision addressing Coordination and Communication. Although it may not feel like it from the perspective of PSE's ratepayer customers, improved proactive communication has occurred between the city's operational departments, its Emergency Operations Center, and PSE around coordination emergency response protocols and supporting PSE's community communications efforts.
6	Emergency Response		Formalize communications emergency protocols between organizations	<b>MOU</b> addresses the goal of optimizing City/PSE relationship on coordination and communication.
7	Energy Efficiency Improvements	PCD/ESI	City should lead energy efficiency programs and projects. Reducing demand will help with long term system needs.	The City's major role directed by this recommendation is implemented through its ongoing environmental stewardship programs and the 2013-2018 Environmental Stewardship Initiative. What the city is doing under this framework is listed in detail on the Climate and Energy page of the Environmental Stewardship web page, including such efforts as traffic- and streetlight LED replacements.
8	Undergrounding Distribution Lines	PCD/City	This recommended investigation of more opportunities for multiple utility projects as well as development of strategies to convert existing overhead distribution lines to underground.	The <b>MOU</b> stresses a continuing and active role of the City and PSE in seeking opportunities to leverage joint projects or other opportunities for undergrounding. Recognizing that the Comprehensive Plan already requires new distribution lines to be undergrounded through Policy UT-39, and that the Franchise Agreement allows the City to require undergrounding for relocations, the city has used the Comprehensive Plan Update to review undergrounding policy. Recommendations have been made and are included in the Public Review draft whose public hearing before the Planning Commission is on March 4, 2015.
9	City Interface with WUTC	CMO	When appropriate, the City can play a more active role in informing and educating Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission (WUTC) regulators of interests and issues pertaining to electrical utility facilities.	Where the <b>MOU</b> directs PSE to make best efforts to make the city aware of issues before the WUTC which are material to Bellevue, the ERS recommends assigning an individual to electric system matters, developing 'white papers' for WUTC use, and commenting on participation in the WUTC review process. The city budget for 2015-2016 acknowledges an electrical system activities aspect to the Intergovernmental Relations portfolio, including such policy work as undergrounding practice in urban areas and financing tools.
10	Smart Grid Strategies	PCD/ED and IT	PSE had identified a series of Smart Grid technology projects under consideration. The City should define a Smart Grid vision. This would allow it to express support for specific PSE actions and initiatives.	These strategies are separately carried out by PSE and by the city and the <b>MOU</b> supports a collaborative work and reporting strategy. A Smart Grid supporting interactivity between data and users, is a key component. The City through its economic development Vision is also pursuing a Smart City strategy to include high speed data options for businesses and residents and in which a smart grid can play a key role. Also, the city capital budget for 2015-2016 includes initial funding for broadband telecommunications rollouts relying on smart grid technology.
11	Long Range Planning	PCD/City	This recommendation sought to create opportunities to synch up growth projections discussed in the Joint Planning Workshop.	Included in <b>MOU</b> as a part of the Planning Workshop (Item 2 above)
12	Multi-Utility Planning	Transportation	The City's Right-of-Way division hosts monthly utility coordination meetings to which all parties with Bellevue Franchise Agreements and Bellevue ROW Agreements are invited. PSE participates in these meetings.	This is ongoing with no new action recommendation. The city hosts monthly utility coordination meetings to coordinate street project and utility installation.