















1.11 HOW DO THE IMPACTS OF THE ALTERNATIVES COMPARE?

The following tables compare of the degree of impacts that can be expected from each of the alternatives on each of the elements in the environment that was evaluated in the Phase 1 Draft EIS. Table 1-2 compares construction impacts. Table 1-3 compares operational impacts.

Table 1-2. Construction Impacts Comparison

Element of the Environment	No Action Alternative	Alternative 1: New Substation and 230 kV Transmission Lines			
		Option A: New Overhead Transmission Lines	Option B: Existing Seattle City Light 230 kV Transmission Corridor	Option C: Underground Transmission Lines	Option D: Underwater Transmission Lines
 Earth	Negligible	Minor	Minor	Minor	Minor
 Green House Gas Emissions	Negligible	Minor to Significant	Minor	Minor	Minor
 Water	Negligible to Minor	Minor to Moderate	Minor to Moderate	Minor to Moderate	Minor to Moderate
 Plants and Animals	Minor	Minor to Significant	Minor to Significant	Minor to Significant	Minor to Significant
 Energy and Natural Resources	Negligible	Negligible	Negligible	Negligible to Minor	Negligible
 Environmental Health	Negligible	Minor	Minor	Minor to Moderate	Minor
 Noise	Negligible	Minor to Moderate	Minor to Moderate	Minor to Moderate	Minor to Moderate
 Land Use and Housing	Negligible	Negligible	Negligible	Negligible	Negligible
 Views and Visual Resources	Negligible	Minor to Moderate	Minor to Moderate	Minor to Moderate	Minor to Moderate
 Recreation	Negligible	Minor to Moderate	Minor to Moderate	Moderate	Minor
 Historic and Cultural Resources	Minor to Moderate	Minor to Significant	Minor to Significant	Minor to Significant	Minor to Significant
 Transportation	Negligible	Minor to Moderate	Minor to Moderate	Minor to Moderate	Minor to Moderate
 Public Services	Negligible	Minor	Minor	Minor to Moderate	Minor
 Utilities	Negligible	Minor to Moderate	Moderate to Significant	Minor to Moderate	Minor

Impact Categories



















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	Significant	More than a moderate impact

Table 1-2. Construction Impacts Comparison (Continued)

Element of the Environment	Alternative 2: Integrated Resource Approach				
	Energy Efficiency Component	Demand Response Component	Distributed Generation Component	Energy Storage Component	Peak Power Generation Component
 Earth	Negligible	Negligible	Negligible	Minor	Minor
 Green House Gas Emissions	Negligible	Negligible	Negligible	Minor	Minor
 Water	Negligible	Negligible	Negligible	Minor	Minor
 Plants and Animals	Negligible	Negligible	Minor	Minor to Significant	Minor to Significant
 Energy and Natural Resources	Negligible	Negligible	Negligible	Negligible	Negligible
 Environmental Health	Negligible	Negligible	Negligible to Minor	Negligible to Minor	Negligible to Minor
 Noise	Negligible	Negligible	Minor to Moderate	Minor to Moderate	Minor to Moderate
 Land Use and Housing	Negligible	Negligible	Negligible	Negligible	Negligible
 Views and Visual Resources	Minor	Minor	Minor	Minor	Minor
 Recreation	Negligible	Negligible	Minor	Minor to Moderate	Minor to Moderate
 Historic and Cultural Resources	Minor to Significant	Negligible to Minor	Minor to Significant	Minor	Minor
 Transportation	Negligible	Negligible	Negligible	Minor	Minor
 Public Services	Negligible	Negligible	Negligible	Minor	Minor
 Utilities	Negligible	Negligible	Minor	Minor	Minor to Moderate

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














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	Alternative 3: New 115 kV Lines and Transformers
Element of the Environment	60 miles of 115 kV single circuit lines and 3 new 230 kV to 115 kV transformers installed at existing substations (Lake Tradition, Talbot Hill, and Sammamish).
 Earth	Minor
 Green House Gas Emissions	Significant
 Water	Minor to Moderate
 Plants and Animals	Minor to Significant
 Energy and Natural Resources	Negligible
 Environmental Health	Minor
 Noise	Minor to Moderate
 Land Use and Housing	Negligible
 Views and Visual Resources	Minor to Moderate
 Recreation	Minor to Moderate
 Historic and Cultural Resources	Minor to Significant
 Transportation	Minor to Moderate
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Table 1-3. Operation Impacts Comparison

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	PSE would continue to manage its system as they do at present.	Option A: New Overhead Transmission Lines	Option B: Existing Seattle City Light 230 kV Transmission Corridor	Option C: Underground Transmission Lines	Option D: Underwater Transmission Lines
 Earth	Negligible	Minor	Minor	Minor	Minor
 Green House Gas Emissions	Negligible	Minor	Minor	Minor	Minor
 Water	Minor	Minor	Minor	Minor	Minor
 Plants and Animals	Minor	Minor to Significant	Minor to Significant	Minor	Minor to Significant
 Energy and Natural Resources	Negligible	Negligible	Negligible	Negligible	Negligible
 Environmental Health	Negligible to Minor	Negligible to Minor	Negligible to Minor	Negligible to Minor	Negligible to Minor
 Noise	Negligible	Negligible to Minor	Negligible to Minor	Negligible to Minor	Negligible to Minor
 Land Use and Housing	Moderate to Significant	Moderate to Significant	Minor	Minor	Minor to Significant
 Views and Visual Resources	Minor	Minor to Significant	Minor to Significant	Minor to Moderate	Minor to Significant
 Recreation	Negligible	Minor to Significant	Minor to Significant	Negligible to Significant	Minor to Moderate
 Historic and Cultural Resources	Minor to Moderate	Minor to Significant	Minor	Negligible	Negligible
 Transportation	Negligible to Moderate	Negligible to Minor	Negligible to Minor	Negligible to Minor	Negligible to Minor
 Public Services	Minor	Minor	Minor	Minor	Minor
 Utilities	Moderate to Significant	Minor	Minor	Minor	Minor

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

















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


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