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**Energize Eastside DEIS  
Phase 2 scoping comment review**

**Bellevue City Council – May 16, 2016**

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## EE EIS – Council Role

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- ▶ State Environmental Policy Act requires environmental review on “actions”
- ▶ Action with respect to this PSE project is anticipated issuance of a permit
- ▶ Responsibility for the City’s environmental review process delegated to the City’s SEPA Responsible Official
- ▶ Process proceeds under codes and regulations
- ▶ City of Bellevue is lead agency with a number of other jurisdictions through which the project is expected to run
- ▶ Council participating in this process as a stakeholder, not a decision-maker

# Phase 2 EE DEIS - Council comments from May 9 and scoping comment letter response

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Changes between May 9 and tonight's drafts captured in strike draft Attachment 1a.  
High level comments emphasis:

- ▶ Continue to analyze energy conservation components:  
**Comment 7 Efficiency Measures Only**
- ▶ Property Values and Land Use impacts:  
**Comment 5 Property Values**
- ▶ Differentiate construction/operations impacts and mitigation:  
**Comment 3.4 Safety Impacts**
- ▶ Noise and access impacts that may **occur** during construction:  
**Comment 3.4 Safety Impacts**

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High level comments emphasis:

- ▶ Using best practices to mitigate across jurisdictions:  
**Comment 3.5 Safety Impacts**
- ▶ Coordinate construction with city CIP projects:  
**Comment 8**
- ▶ Using ecosystem service value to quantify tree removal impacts:  
**Comment 4.4 Ecological Impacts**
- ▶ Ensure transparency around Alternative 2 from Phase 1:  
**Comment 6 Transparency around Alternatives;**  
**New Comment 7 regarding “Efficiency Measures Only” alternative**

## Phase 2 EE DEIS – Alternative 2 Integrated Resource

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- ▶ Phase 1 concluded that Alt. 2 components would be unlikely to be able to meet project objectives of capacity, cost, reliability and electrical and non-electrical criteria
- ▶ In addressing project need the alternative would result in uncertainty about how much infrastructure would be installed and how much additional supply would be needed and able to be provided each year.
- ▶ Not a reasonable alternative under SEPA definition to define the range of possible alternatives to meet PSE's objectives.
- ▶ Complete analysis of this will be included in Final EIS

## Phase 2 EE DEIS – timeline

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- ▶ April 14 – May 31, 2016 comment period
- ▶ May 9 and May 16 for Council comment review
- ▶ Early 2017 – DEIS issued
- ▶ Spring or summer 2017 – FEIS issued

# Direction Requested Tonight

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- ▶ Final direction on content of letter
- ▶ Motion to approve letter, with any amendments