



CITY OF KIRKLAND

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DETERMINATION OF NON-SIGNIFICANCE (DNS)

DATE ISSUED: November 18, 2020

City Planner: Jennifer Anderer

File No.: SEP20-00106

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Project Name: PSE Sammamish-Juanita 115kV Transmission Line

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Project Location/Address: 5-mile 115kV transmission line spanning three jurisdictions including the City of Redmond, unincorporated King County, and the City of Kirkland

Proponent: Kerry Kriner, Puget Sound Energy (PSE)

Project Description: New 5-mile 115kV transmission line spanning three jurisdictions: City of Redmond, unincorporated King County, and the City of Kirkland. PSE is proposing seventy-four new transmission line poles (plus one stub pole) and replacement of 28 existing transmission poles and 2 existing distribution poles between the Sammamish Substation in Redmond, WA and the Juanita Substation in Kirkland, WA. Additionally, in order to provide a bay for the transmission line at the Sammamish Substation, one new pole will be installed, and 6 poles will be replaced south of the substation on PSE property. Substation improvements include the installation of a dead-end tower, a switch, and bus supports to accommodate the new line in and out of the Totem Substation in Kirkland, WA. The Sammamish Substation updates will include new switches and a circuit breaker on new foundations and one pole will be installed and one will be replaced to connect the new line to an existing 115kV bay. The proposed route runs between the Sammamish Substation in Redmond, WA (9221 Willows Road NE) and the Juanita Substation in Kirkland, WA (10910 NE 132nd St) including looping around the Totem Substation in Kirkland, WA (13209 NE 123rd St).

Lead agency is the City of Kirkland

The lead agency for this proposal has determined that it does not have a probable significant adverse impact on the environment. An environmental impact statement (EIS) is not required under RCW 43.21.030(2)(c). This decision was made after review of a completed environmental checklist and other information on file with the lead agency. This information is available to the public upon request.

Comment Period Information:

This DNS is issued under WAC 197-11-340(2); the lead agency will not act on this proposal for 14 days from the date issued. Comments must be submitted to Jennifer Anderer, project planner at janderer@kirklandwa.gov by 5:00 PM on December 2, 2020. Please reference file number SEP20-00106.

Responsible Official:

Adam Weinstein, AICP, Planning & Building Director
City of Kirkland
Planning & Building Department
123 Fifth Avenue, Kirkland, WA 98033 – 425.587.3600

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Appeal Information:

KMC 24.02.230(a) states that administrative appeals of SEPA Determinations are available only in instances where there is an open record hearing on the underlying governmental action (such as Process IIA and IIB decisions). SEPA appeals must be filed within fourteen days of the date the SEPA determination is issued (KMC 24.02.230(c)(1)). A timely SEPA appeal will be placed on hold until the open record hearing on the underlying governmental action is scheduled. Then, both the SEPA appeal and underlying governmental action will be consolidated at one open record hearing.

Pursuant to KMC 24.02.230(f), if a land use permit does not include an open record public hearing but provides for an open record appeal (such as Design Review Board and Process I decisions), the SEPA appeal will be consolidated with the open record appeal and decided upon by the hearing examiner. A timely SEPA appeal will be placed on hold until the City's final decision on the underlying permit is issued. Then, if the underlying permit decision is appealed administratively, both appeals will be decided at a consolidated open record appeal hearing. If the underlying permit decision is not appealed, then there will be no administrative SEPA appeal available and judicial appeal procedures may be followed.

You may appeal this determination to the Planning & Building Department at City of Kirkland, 123 Fifth Avenue, Kirkland, WA 98033 no later than 5:00 PM on December 2, 2020 (14 days from date issued) by a Written Notice of Appeal. You should be prepared to make specific factual objections and reference case number SEP20-00106. Contact Jennifer Anderer, project planner in the Planning & Building Department at 425.587.3239 to ask about the procedures for SEPA appeals. See also KMC 24.02.230 Administrative Appeals.

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- North Rose Hill Neighborhood Association
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- Department of Ecology - Environmental Review
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- U.S. Army Corps of Engineers - Seattle District
- King County Natural Resources and Parks - Director
- Eastside Audubon Society
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- Northshore Utility District - Operations Department, Engineering Director, and Senior Civil Engineer
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- Parties of Record
- Interested Citizens

cc: Applicant
Planning Department File, Case No. ZON20-00104

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