

CITY EXHIBIT 5 – CITY RESPONSE TO POST HEARING WRITTEN COMMENTS

a. Response to 6-7-2022 Email from Rebecca Kinnestrand

An extensive analysis of Puget Sound Energy’s Energize Eastside proposal occurred during the three-year Environmental Impact Statement process. Information relating to this analysis, impacts, and mitigation can be found at: <https://www.energizeeastsideeis.org/> and <https://energizeeastside.com/>

PSE continually coordinates with Olympic Pipeline to ensure pipeline safety during current powerline operation and will continue to do so with the construction and development of the upgraded powerline. Chapter 4.9 of the of the Final EIS addresses pipeline safety -

http://www.energizeeastsideeis.org/uploads/4/7/3/1/47314045/chapter_4.9_pipeline_safety.pdf

Appendix I of the Final EIS also addresses pipeline safety -

http://www.energizeeastsideeis.org/uploads/4/7/3/1/47314045/appendix_i_pipeline_safety.pdf

Lastly, the City’s Technical Committee Report to the Hearing Examiner contains three pages of approval conditions to address hazardous liquid pipeline safety.

With respect to need, the criteria for land use applications is outlined in the Redmond Zoning Code (RZC) Sections 21.76.070.B.3.a, *Criteria Applicable to Land Use Applications*, RZC 21.76.76.070.Y.3, *Criteria Applicable to Site Plan Entitlements*, and RZC 21.76.070.K.4, *Criteria Applicable to Conditional Use Permits*. These are the criteria in the zoning code under which staff reviews land use applications. Staff does not have the discretion to recommend approval or denial based upon perceived proposal need or lack thereof.