

What can I do?

- **Attend the Protest at Bellevue City Hall**

450 110th Ave. NE

this Tuesday, February 21st

7:30 - 8:30 p.m.

If you can come, please RSVP to info@cense.org to tell us how many will be in your party. We will notify TV news stations to cover the protest.

- **EMAIL** both councils to state that you want solutions that preserve our trees:

council@bellevuewa.gov

ebcc@bellevuewa.gov

- **Join** with **CENSE** to ensure sensible energy choices for the Eastside:

- **Sign up for our newsletter** at

www.cense.org

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Did You Know?

PSE proposes to cut down an additional 6,000 trees to build another bigger, high-voltage transmission lines project over 18 miles of the Eastside ("Energize Eastside").

The Energize Eastside transmission lines will not improve reliability metrics for any part of Bellevue, as PSE reluctantly admits. Industry experts have shown these transmission lines are not needed because electrical use is declining throughout the Eastside. However, PSE continues to push forward because the project will increase PSE's sagging revenues for its Australian and Canadian investors.

See CENSE.org to learn more.

CENSE is an all-volunteer, donor-funded organization comprised of area residents. We seek an energy future for the Eastside that is safe, reliable, cost effective, socially just, and environmentally responsible. We believe this can be achieved using best industry practices, proven technology, and smart policies. CENSE represents residents and local businesses in a grid-planning process that is heavily influenced by Puget Sound Energy, a weakly-regulated monopoly owned by foreign investors since 2009.

COME to the PROTEST!

This Tuesday • February 21, 2017

7:30 p.m. @ Bellevue City Hall



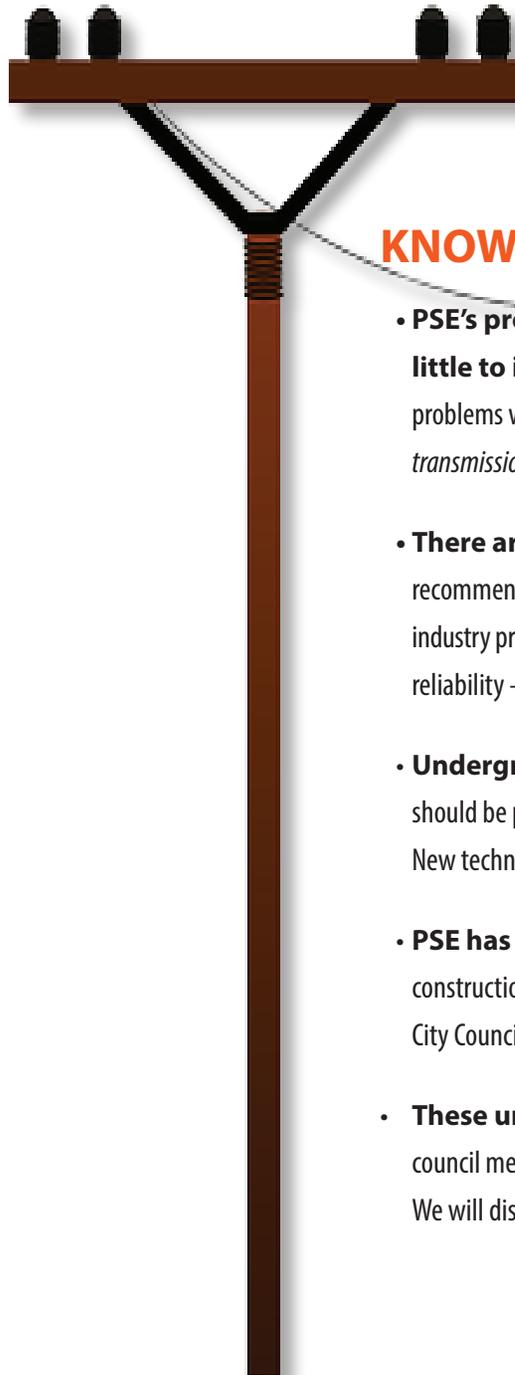
*PSE's
new transmission lines
will remove 300 trees
along 148th and NE 8th*

Are we losing our City in a Park?

The Bellevue City Council says nothing can be done to stop PSE from cutting down 300 hundred trees along beautiful 148th Avenue in Bellevue. They will be replaced by high-voltage transmission lines that will do little to improve electrical reliability.

An independent consulting firm, Exponent, was hired by the City of Bellevue to evaluate the city's future electrical needs. Exponent recommended a solution for 148th that would deliver better electrical reliability without requiring the destruction of trees. The city of Bellevue ignored the consultant's recommendation as well as the tireless efforts of the East Bellevue Community Council to end this senseless project. Concerned citizens must stand up to protect our "City in a Park." CENSE is organizing a protest at City Hall this Tuesday night, Feb. 21, at 7:30 p.m. Our elected officials, the media, and PSE must understand that unnecessary infrastructure projects that defile our city and increase energy costs are not acceptable. There are more enlightened ways to address our electrical needs in the 21st century.

The only way to a better outcome is with YOUR involvement.



KNOW the FACTS

- **PSE's proposed transmission lines on 148th and NE 8th St. will do little to improve electrical reliability.** Most power outages are due to problems with smaller *distribution* lines that serve our neighborhoods, not the big *transmission* lines that connect substations.
- **There are better alternatives.** Bellevue's independent consultant, Exponent, recommended a solution that is more reliable than PSE's transmission lines. It is standard industry practice to use smart switches and existing distribution lines to improve electrical reliability – this approach is less expensive and no trees would need to be cut down.
- **Undergrounding is possible.** Transmission lines like these, if truly needed, should be placed underground, following the example of hundreds of cities worldwide. New technologies are reducing the cost of undergrounding.
- **PSE has not been transparent.** The company is not telling residents how long construction will take, how much it will cost, or what it will look like, yet the Bellevue City Council has approved this project while it has flown under the radar for the public.
- **These urban boulevards are our cultural heritage.** Wise citizens and council members worked hard to design park-like streets without visible poles and wires. We will dishonor their efforts by turning these arterials into an industrial utility corridor.