

Appendix: PSE Eastside Transmission Project Scenic Issues

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This appendix includes photos, simulations (from EIS) and comments on neighborhood character and visual impacts resulting from the project. Note that as stated in my comments, the simulations provided, particularly those using panoramic (wide angle) views, should be seen on a very large print out or screen and viewed from close up to display the same level of detail that a human eye would experience if the view were seen in the field.

Photo 1: View from Somerset Neighborhood



Photo 1 illustrates the open, panoramic views typical in the Somerset Neighborhood of Bellevue. The visual character is low buildings and open, panoramic views that include the Bellevue skyline, Seattle skyline, Lake Washington and the Olympic Mountains. The existing transmission line, while clearly visible, is not overly dominant due to its modest scale. Height limits on buildings and trees protect the views.

Photo 2: Lake Boren



View from the pier on Lake Boren. The existing transmission lines are clearly visible but are sub-dominant due to their modest scale seen against a backdrop of tall trees.

Photos 3 & 4: Somerset Panorama



In the upper photo, existing conditions at Somerset, the transmission line and towers are visible but sub-dominant. In the lower photo, a simulation provided in the EIS, the taller towers are much more visible and visually dominant because they are viewed against the sky instead of the land. Note, for this panoramic photo to be viewed at a scale similar to real life conditions, it would have to be reproduced on an approximately 5' wide banner.