

DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

CITY OF RENTON HEARING EXAMINER

A Public Hearing will be held by the Renton Hearing Examiner on January 8, 2020 at 5:00 PM, in the Council Chambers on the seventh floor of Renton City Hall, 1055 South Grady Way, Renton, Washington, to consider the following petitions:

DATE OF NOTICE OF HEARING: December 17, 2019

PROJECT NAME/NUMBER: PR18-000049 Energize Eastside Puget Sound Energy / LUA18-000005

PROJECT LOCATION: 2400 S Puget Dr (APN 2023059003)

APPLICANT/PROJECT CONTACT PERSON: Marissa Gifford, HDR, Inc./929 108th Ave NE, Bellevue WA, 98004-4361 / marissa.gifford@hdrinc.com
Brad Strauch, PSE/(425)456-2556/PO Box 97034, EST-3, Bellevue, WA 98009-9734



LOCATION WHERE APPLICATION MAY BE REVIEWED: Applicant documents are available online through the City of Renton Document Center website. See also <http://bit.ly/2YX96Sh>

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: The applicant is requesting Hearing Examiner Conditional Use Permit approval and a Shoreline Exemption for the upgrade of 4 miles of two existing 115 kV transmission lines with two 230 kV transmission lines beginning at the City’s northern boundary with Newcastle and ending at the existing Talbot Hill substation. The upgrade is located entirely within PSE’s existing 100-ft electrical transmission utility corridor. The project site is located within multiple zoning designations, including: Commercial Arterial (CA), Commercial Office Residential (COR), Center Village (CV), Light Industrial (IL), Residential-1 (R-1), Residential-10 (R-10), Residential-14 (R-14), Residential-4 (R-4), Residential-6 (R-6), Residential-8 (R-8), Resource Conservation (RC), and Residential Multi-Family (RM-F). The proposed upgrade would require the replacement of approximately 144 existing wood and steel poles (H-frame designs) with approximately 41 steel monopoles of either single-circuit or double-circuit design. The height of the proposed poles would vary by location, but are estimated at an average height of between 85 and 95 feet. Within the Talbot Hill substation, additional breakers and associated controls will be added to accommodate the new lines. The Project’s southern extent is PSE’s Talbot Hill substation located at 2400 S. Puget Drive. From the substation, the Project continues north along the existing PSE transmission line corridor to the northern city limits, between I-405 and the eastern city limits. Multiple critical areas are mapped along the project corridor including wetlands, streams, steep slopes, landslide hazards, coal mine hazards, and wellhead protection areas. The project would include the replacement of aerial wire across the Cedar River, which is classified as a Shoreline of the State. The project proposes the replacement of poles outside of the 200-foot shoreline jurisdiction and the aerial wire crossing would not require any disturbances within the shoreline jurisdiction.

DATE OF APPLICATION: January 25, 2018

NOTICE OF COMPLETE APPLICATION: March 14, 2018

PERMITS/REVIEW REQUESTED: Conditional Use - Hearing Examiner, Shoreline Exemption

PUBLIC HEARING: A public hearing is tentatively scheduled for January 8, 2020 at 5:00 PM before the Renton Hearing Examiner in Renton Council Chambers on the 7th floor of Renton City Hall, located at 1055 South Grady Way. If the hearing cannot be completed on the date set, the hearing may be continued to a date certain and no further notice is required.

If you are interested in attending the hearing, please contact the Planning Division to ensure that the hearing has not been rescheduled at (425) 430-6583. If you have questions about this proposal, or wish to be made a party of record and receive additional information by mail, please contact the project manager. Anyone who submits written comments will automatically become a party of record and will be notified of any decision on this project.

CONTACT PERSON: Jill Ding, Senior Planner; Tel: (425) 430-6593; Email: jd Ding@rentonwa.gov

If you would like to be made a party of record to receive further information on this proposed project, complete this form and return to: City of Renton, CED – Planning Division, 1055 So. Grady Way, Renton, WA 98057.

Name/File No.: PR18-000049 Energize Eastside Puget Sound Energy / LUA18-000005

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