

CITY OF BUCKLEY NOTICE OF ENVIRONMENTAL DETERMINATION

PROJECT DESCRIPTION – PSE VEGETATION MANAGEMENT (CA-23-0001): Puget Sound Energy was approved for a Site Plan (SP-21-0002) by the Buckley Hearing Examiner on September 7, 2021. A SEPA MDNS associated with the project was issued by the City's SEPA Responsible Official on August 4, 2021. The SEPA MDNS was not appealed. The Site Plan approved a new substation at 29091 112th Street East in Buckley.

Puget Sound Energy (PSE) is in active construction of the new substation. PSE has determined that 20 trees within the new electric line corridor pose a risk to the transmission line and need to be removed. These trees are located within wetland or their buffers (Wetlands BB and BG). Mitigation will include leaving the stumps in the corridor to become habitat features. PSE also plans to plant 60 native tree/shrub species within and adjacent to the corridor. These new plants will have a maximum growing height of 30'feet and will be compatible with the new transmission line.

SEPA DETERMINATION: The City of Buckley has adopted the existing environmental documents from the 2021 Site Plan as well as additional documents provided for the present proposal (WAC 197-11-706) and WAC 197-11-600(4)(a). The City is utilizing the process under WAC 197-11-600(4)(c) to provide an addendum for this essentially unchanged project. The new mitigating measures herein are specific to the change in proposal described above. The City has determined that, as amended, this proposal will not have a probable significant adverse impact on the environment. Pursuant to WAC 197-11-350(3), the proposal has been clarified, changed, and conditioned to include necessary mitigation measures to avoid, minimize or compensate for probable significant impacts. The responsible SEPA official has reviewed the proposed project for probable adverse environmental impacts issued Determination of Non-significance - Mitigated Amended (MDNS). Agencies, tribes, and the public are encouraged to review and comment on the proposed project and its probable environmental impacts. **Comments must be submitted by December 20, 2023, by 4:00 PM.**

QUESTIONS: A copy of the application and staff report, and all documents and evidence relied upon by the applicant and applicable criteria, are available for examination and inspection, at no cost, in the Buckley Building and Planning Office located in the Buckley Multipurpose Center at 811 Main Street, Buckley, WA 98321. Requests for information may be directed to Chris Banks, Interim Director of Building and Planning and the City's point of contact for these applications, at 360-761-7884 or cbanks@cityofbuckley.com.