

PROJECT UPDATE

Upgrading your neighborhood



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Puget Sound Energy and City of Bellingham continue plans to upgrade and underground electric system in downtown Bellingham

Dear Resident or Business Owner,

At a community meeting held Nov. 17, 2008, PSE announced plans to upgrade the electric system in Bellingham to meet customers' needs now and in the future. We are currently continuing work on the design to convert the existing 4 Kilo volt (kV) system to a 12 kV system in downtown Bellingham, specifically in the alleys between Cornwall Avenue and Railroad Avenue and between York Street to Maple Street, with the possibility of upgrading other downtown locations in the near future. In addition, we will rebuild our existing 4kV State Street substation to support the 12kV system.

PSE is partnering with the city on these electric system upgrades. The city has offered to provide the trench necessary to install the system, including the necessary backfill and restoration. Additionally, the city will provide trench, backfill and restoration in the balance of the areas where PSE had originally planned to rebuild an overhead distribution system, enabling PSE to install the entire new distribution system underground.

Our preliminary schedule is to start construction in September 2009. An updated notice will be sent as construction nears. The work is scheduled to take place **Mondays through Fridays between 7 a.m. and 7 p.m.**

If you have any questions or concerns, please call or e-mail us at the contact information below.

Sincerely,

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