

## You have our guarantee that we will:

- Work with you in good faith and in an ethical manner
- Compensate you justly for our use of your property
- Partner with you to determine the best placement of our facilities on your property

## What you can expect

You'll have a PSE right of way agent to work with you throughout the process. Steps generally include:

- We make initial contact with you
- We provide an easement offer package to you
- You review the easement package
- You have an opportunity to discuss with a PSE right of way agent the easement package
- You sign our easement document(s) in presence of a notary public
- We pay you for the easement
- We record the easement document(s) with the county
- We provide a copy of the easement document(s) to you

If you have not yet applied for service please call **1-888-CALL-PSE (1-888-225-5773)**.

## For more information

Please visit our website at [pse.com/easements](http://pse.com/easements) to see more resources on land use and easements. For questions, email [rightofway@pse.com](mailto:rightofway@pse.com), or call us at **1-888-CALL-PSE (1-888-225-5773)** and ask to speak with a right of way agent.



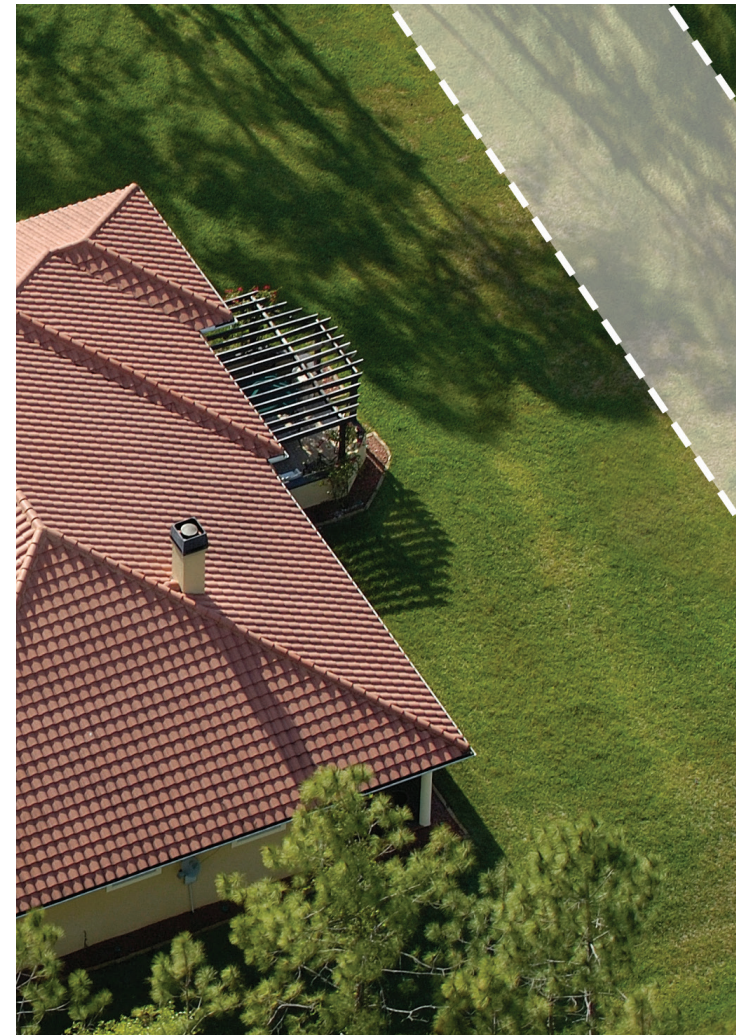
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# A property owner's guide to easements for utility system improvements



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It takes thousands of miles of wires and pipes to provide electric and natural gas service to the 1.4 million homes and businesses served by Puget Sound Energy.

Many of these facilities are located within public rights-of-way, such as roads. Some need to be installed on private property. This guide addresses some of the frequently asked questions about easements for property owners.



### What is an easement?

An easement is a right held by one property owner or entity to use the land of another owner for a limited purpose. An easement holder has an interest in the property for the specified use but does not own the land. Easements are perpetual and are commonly granted for uses such as access, utilities and trails.

### Why does PSE need easements?

When necessary, we locate electric and natural gas facilities on private property. An easement secures our long-term ability to access the property, operate our facilities, manage vegetation and make future system improvements to keep power and natural gas flowing to our customers.

### How will PSE use my property?

We will place facilities on or near your property. From time to time, our crews may access our facilities or manage vegetation on or from your property. We will take reasonable steps to minimize interference with your enjoyment of your property and we will take care to restore any disturbance caused by our access.

### What restrictions are placed on my property by signing an easement?

Generally, you may make any use of your property that does not interfere with safe operation and maintenance of our facilities, access or safe use of the easement area. Our easements restrict structures and some vegetation from being located within the easement area. You can contact a PSE right of way agent to learn more about what is and is not allowable within the easement area.

### Will I be paid?

We will compensate you for use of your property in exchange for granting us an easement. Our offer to you will be based on the fair market value of your property and the nature of our use.

### What happens if I say no?

Our system improvements serve the common good by meeting the public need for safe, affordable and reliable energy. In rare instances where a property owner will not grant an easement, we may use its condemnation authority. Condemnation allows a court to grant us the rights we are seeking and determine just compensation owed by us to the property owner.