

A Property Owner's Guide to Easements for New Services



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What you can expect

Once you have applied for service, PSE will determine whether or not easements are required. If they are needed, you'll have a PSE Right of Way Agent to work with you throughout the easement acquisition process. Steps generally include:

- 1 PSE provides you an easement package
- 2 You review the easement package
- 3 You get the easement document(s) signed in presence of a notary public
- 4 You return the easement document(s) to PSE for recording with county

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 to see more resources on land use and easements. For questions, email 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.

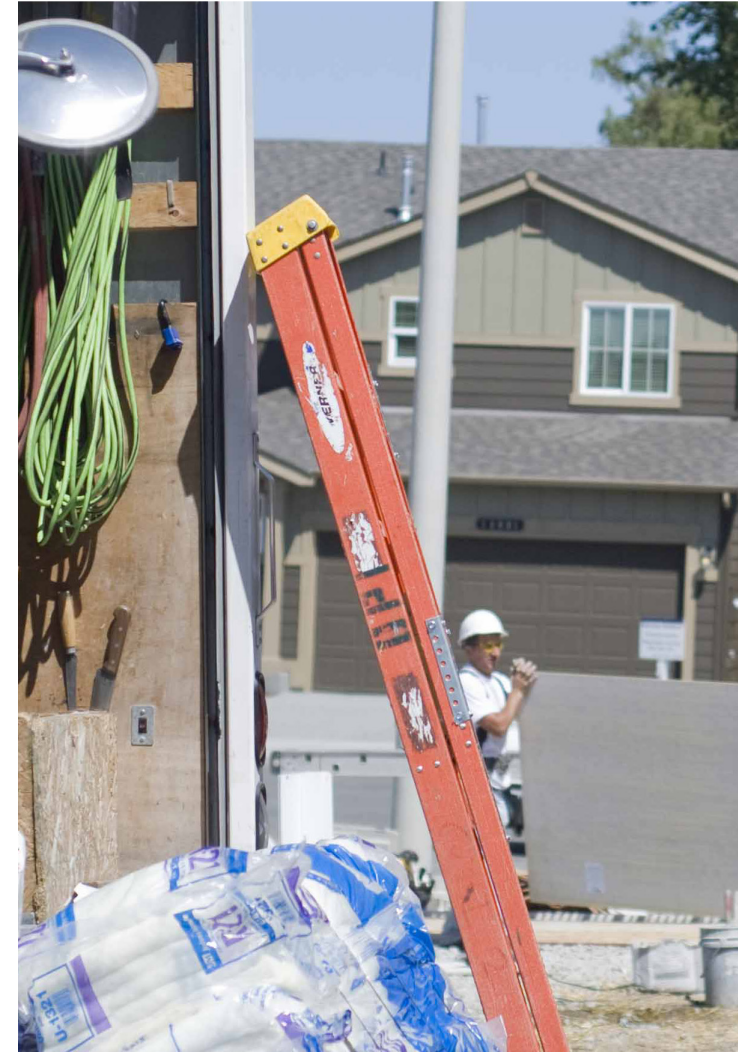


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In order to provide you with electric and natural gas service, Puget Sound Energy may need easements to access private property.

It is your responsibility to obtain the required easements. This guide outlines the process and addresses frequently asked questions. Puget Sound Energy can help and will provide you with appropriate easement documents.



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 allow for system upgrades and extension to other customers.

Why does PSE need easements?

PSE needs easements from property owners for facilities that provide electric and/or natural gas service to their property and others. An easement secures PSE's long-term ability to access the property, operate our facilities, manage vegetation and make future system improvements in order to keep power and natural gas flowing to our customers. It is your responsibility to provide and/or obtain such easements at no cost to PSE.

How will PSE use my property?

PSE 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. PSE 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 the safe operation and maintenance of PSE's facilities or restrict access to, or the safe use of, the easement area. PSE's 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.

What if PSE needs easements on property I do not own?

It is your responsibility to obtain any easements PSE may need from neighboring property owners. PSE will provide you with easement documents for facilities that will be placed on neighboring properties. PSE Right of Way staff will be available to answer questions you or your neighbor(s) may have.

What if my neighbor will not sign an easement?

PSE cannot place facilities across private property without an easement. In the event that a neighbor refuses to sign an easement, you should contact your PSE Right of Way Agent. PSE will work with you to explore options including evaluation of potential alternative routes.