

PUGET SOUND ENERGY'S NORTH LACEY NATURAL GAS PROJECT



Puget Sound Energy (PSE) is investing in an important infrastructure project to ensure continued, safe, and reliable natural gas service in the North Lacey community.

Reliability and capacity updates needed for Lacey’s natural gas system

The North Lacey area, serving approximately 20,000 PSE natural gas customers, faces significant reliability challenges. The natural gas system in this area is running out of capacity to deliver enough natural gas during the coldest days of the year.

Over the past 20 years, more homes and businesses have been built in the area. The increased growth in customer demand is now exceeding what the region’s natural gas system can reliably supply. At this time, we need to update the system to prevent temporary disruptions to natural gas service and heat during cold weather when demand is highest.

What is capacity?

Capacity is an energy resource’s maximum output—like how much energy a power plant can generate, or power lines can carry, at once. Adding capacity to our system ensures enough supply to meet your community’s growing energy needs—now and for years to come!

New natural gas pipe to be installed under local trails

PSE will install approximately 1.5 miles of new natural gas pipe under portions of two trail corridors in Lacey – the Karen Fraser Woodland Trail and Chehalis Western Trail. We worked closely with the City of Lacey to identify the most appropriate routing for the new pipe and together determined that placement along existing trail corridors would minimize impacts to roads and community operations, while serving community infrastructure needs.

- This upgrade will bring additional natural gas capacity to the North Lacey area, providing significant benefits to the community:
- Ensures continued, safe, and reliable natural gas service for heating and other needs, even during the coldest days of winter.
 - Avoids service interruptions or outages during times of high demand when customers rely on us to heat their homes and cook their meals.
 - Provides a long-term solution that will serve the community for decades.
 - Creates a stronger, more resilient natural gas system for the entire region, resulting in increased reliability for customers.

Anticipated project timeline and next steps

In 2026, we’re working with local agencies to get the permits we need for this project. Construction and restoration for this project is expected to occur in early 2027. It’s our goal to minimize construction impacts as much as possible, and we will share details before construction begins.

The project will cause temporary street detours, as well as closures to the Karen Fraser Woodland Trail and Chehalis Western Trail. Construction is planned for the winter months, and in phases, to minimize impacts and keep everyone safe. The project web page will be updated regularly with new information as it becomes available.



During the permitting process, you may see PSE crews and our contractors working intermittently in the area to complete survey work, which will support design, engineering and permitting activities.

Thank you for your patience as we work to improve the reliability of natural gas service for the North Lacey area. Once completed, this important infrastructure project will benefit the community for decades to come.

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Natural gas is an essential part of our state’s energy supply today. It is the primary source of heating for PSE’s nearly 900,000 natural gas customers.