improving your ELECTRIC SERVICE
Puget Sound Energy (PSE) is working to improve electric service reliability for more than 61,000 residential and commercial customers in Kirkland and Redmond.

Customer demand for power is straining the electric system serving the area, which reduces PSE’s ability to reliably serve power and increases the possibility of outages. To increase system capacity and improve reliability for customers, PSE plans to build a new 115 kilovolt (kV) transmission line from the Sammamish substation in Redmond to the Juanita substation in Kirkland.

Sammamish-Juanita 115 kV transmission line project

Current status of the project
For the past few years, we’ve been working with the City of Redmond and the City of Kirkland to finalize the route alignment. We’ve also been working individually with property owners and businesses to collect field information to inform the project design and permit applications.

What’s next?
In December 2019, we plan to submit land use permit applications to the City of Redmond and the City of Kirkland. As part of each City’s permitting process, there will be opportunities to provide input and ask questions through the public comment periods, public meetings and public hearings in each city. Permitting information will be available through each City’s public noticing process, which will be posted on their websites.

If an easement is needed on your property, a PSE Real Estate representative will reach out to you in the coming months.

How we chose the route
PSE convened a stakeholder advisory group (SAG) to help identify a route for the new transmission line. The SAG represented a diverse group of community and business members near the proposed project area in Redmond and Kirkland.

For nearly a year, PSE worked with the SAG and consulted the broader community through open houses and neighborhood briefings, along with reviewing public comments, to develop a technically feasible route that reflected community input. In addition to community input, PSE evaluated engineering criteria and codes and standards to identify the final route.

We work hard to minimize the impacts of critical electric infrastructure, and we’re committed to keeping the community informed as the project progresses through permitting and into construction.

Visit pse.com/sammjuan115 to learn more about the project. If you have questions or would like to schedule a briefing for your neighborhood or organization, please reach out to the project team.

Sincerely,

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