

Meeting Summary

Advisory Group Meeting #8

October 3, 2012 • 5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.

HYATT House - Redmond, WA

Organization	Representative (s) in Attendance
City of Kirkland, Public Works	Rob Jammerman
City of Kirkland, Parks and Community Services	Linda Murphy
City of Redmond, Parks	Jean Rice
City of Redmond, Planning	Eric McConaghy
Evergreen Hospital	Lavon Weighall
Greater Redmond Chamber of Commerce	Danielle Lynch
North Rose Hill Neighborhood	Don Schmitz
Puget Sound Energy	Andy Swayne
Sustainable Redmond	Kathe Low
Willows Rose Hill Neighborhood	Tom Matthews

Other Attendees:

- Barry Lombard, Puget Sound Energy, Project Manager
- Jim Swan, Puget Sound Energy, Senior Real Estate Representative
- Carol Jaeger, Puget Sound Energy, Transmission Planning
- Kerry Kriner, Puget Sound Energy, Municipal Land Planner
- Lindsey Walimaki, Puget Sound Energy, Communications
- Angela Wingate, Puget Sound Energy, Municipal Liaison Manager
- Lyn Keenan, GeoEngineers
- Penny Mabie, EnviroIssues, Facilitator
- Jean-Paul Willynck, EnviroIssues, Notetaker
- Diann Strom, EnviroIssues

Meeting Purpose and Overview

The eighth stakeholder advisory group (SAG) meeting for the Puget Sound Energy (PSE) Sammamish-Juanita 115 kilovolt (kV) Transmission Line Project was convened in Redmond, Washington on October 3, 2012.

The meeting included a SAG and PSE discussion on constituent feedback since the July 18 meeting, a SAG discussion on the *Recommendations Report* and suggestions for keeping the SAG and community informed of project progress, and an update from PSE on project progress. In addition, the PSE team extended their gratitude for the SAG's work. The meeting concluded with next steps to complete the

collection of signatures for the *Recommendations Report* and keep the SAG and community informed of project updates via email and website postings.

Meeting Summary

Welcome, Introductions, Agenda and Safety Moment

Penny Mabie welcomed everyone, led a round of introductions and reviewed the agenda. Barry Lombard, PSE Project Manager, thanked the group for attending, and asked Carol Jaeger and Angela Wingate to give the safety moment. Carol discussed how standardized deviance over time can affect behavior, and reminded attendees to be aware when deviating from safety standards. Angela explained the importance of knowing what to do if there is a gas leak. She shared PSE's [Natural Gas and Electric Safety](#) pamphlet with attendees and encouraged them to share the pamphlets with friends and family.

Public Comments

Penny invited members of the public to address the SAG with their comments or concerns. No public comments were received.

SAG Constituent Feedback

Penny asked each SAG member if they had spoken with their constituents about the project. Constituent feedback included:

- Many people, in particular area residents, were happy with the SAG's recommended preferred route because it stayed out of residential areas.
- The City of Redmond has not received public comments regarding the view corridor along Willows Road; however, the City has been discussing concerns internally.
- Evergreen Hospital received comments suggesting that PSE might have already known where they wanted to place the transmission line.
- City of Kirkland has not received many comments since the SAG identified their recommended preferred route in July except for a few thank you emails. There was a kick-off meeting with PSE to discuss use of Kirkland's rail corridor.
- PSE noted that community members seemed relieved that the SAG's recommended preferred route would be PSE's preferred final route. The level of community appreciation and thanks on this project is different than PSE's experiences on other projects.
- The Greater Redmond Chamber of Commerce reported that Barry gave a presentation to the Government Affairs Committee and the committee was very supportive of the route.
- Sustainable Redmond members generally felt they were not as affected as others by the route; however, they continue to be vigilant about environmental impacts. Members, however, were shocked by how much environmental concerns were taken into account when the SAG weighted the avoidance areas in the GeoRoute model (35 percent weighting).

Community Feedback on Preferred Final Route

Barry gave an update to the SAG about what PSE has heard from the community regarding the preferred final route. Since the July SAG meeting, PSE hosted two community meetings to share the SAG's

recommended preferred route, and PSE announced adopting the SAG's recommended route as the preferred final route. PSE has received quite a few emails of appreciation with regards to the preferred final route and shared the September communications report with the SAG.

Barry said in general feedback about the route was positive. PSE will be working with impacted property owners along the route to best address their concerns.

Confirmation of the Recommendations Report

Penny shared a copy of the draft *Recommendations Report*. Penny asked if SAG members had a chance to review the report and if it was acceptable; SAG members indicated the report was acceptable and had no further questions. Once all of the SAG member signatures are gathered, Envirolssues will finalize the report and hopes to send it to print on Friday, October 5.

Suggestions for Keeping the SAG and Community Informed of Project Progress

The SAG discussed how they would like PSE to keep them informed of project progress. Eric McConaghy suggested PSE continue to update the project webpage to keep the community informed. Additionally, SAG members would like a brief email informing them of these project updates.

Furthermore, Barry said if significant changes are needed to the route, then PSE will go back to the SAG. Don Schmitz suggested the SAG reconvene if PSE has to pursue the fallback route along Willows Road.

Updates on Project Progress

Barry gave an update on project progress. Since the July 18 SAG meeting, PSE has:

- Hosted two community open houses in August, which gave PSE the opportunity to meet with affected property owners. PSE generally received positive feedback about the SAG's recommended preferred route at the meeting.
- Adopted the SAG's recommended preferred route as its preferred final route.
- Notified the community of its selection of the preferred final route through postcards and email. Additionally, notification letters were sent to affected property owners. Through these outreach efforts, PSE received some comments and questions about the project, and most commenters expressed support for the route.
- Begun working with individual property owners to gain "right of entry" access to property to conduct studies to help PSE determine micro-siting needs and whether they might have to pursue the fallback route along Willows Road.
- Met with the City of Kirkland regarding the section of the route along the railroad corridor and discussed how PSE will occupy the corridor. The City of Kirkland is also planning to develop a trail within the railroad corridor.

PSE anticipates conducting field surveys through the first quarter of 2013 and completing the design process by the last quarter of 2013. At some point, between the survey and design process, PSE will have enough information to begin submitting permit applications. Barry said construction is expected to begin no sooner than 2014.

Thank Yous

Barry thanked SAG members for their participation; he said he was very happy with their involvement in the process, and has enjoyed responding to the questions and issues that arose during the process. Barry went on to say this was his first time using this process and felt that it was very educational.

PSE believes SAG members have shown great leadership and citizenship with their involvement. Barry said the SAG's efforts have been recognized throughout PSE, and Kimberly Harris, PSE's Chief Executive Officer, has expressed her appreciation with a signed certificate for each SAG member. In addition to the certificate, PSE provided SAG members with a small token of their appreciation. PSE will mail the certificate and token of appreciation to those SAG members not in attendance.

Wrap Up and Next Steps

In closing, many SAG members and PSE staff members expressed their appreciation of the process and community members who attended.

Next steps include:

1. EnviroIssues will send copies of the final *Recommendations Report* to SAG members once the signature page is complete.
2. PSE will provide project progress updates to the SAG. The updates will generally be timed with the project webpage updates. If significant route changes are needed or if PSE must pursue the Willows Road fallback route, then PSE will reconvene the SAG.