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WHAT IS ENERGIZE EASTSIDE?

Energize Eastside is PSE's proposal to build a new electric substation and approximately 16-18 miles of high capacity electric transmission lines from Redmond to Renton.

For more information visit EnergizeEastsideEIS.org

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What's Next?

After the Phase 2 Draft Environmental Impact Statement

The purpose of the Energize Eastside Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) is to provide environmental review of Puget Sound Energy's (PSE) proposed Energize Eastside project, consistent with the requirements of the Washington State Environmental Policy Act (SEPA). The Energize Eastside EIS is being led by the City of Bellevue in cooperation with the partner cities of Kirkland, Newcastle, Redmond and Renton.

PHASE 2 DRAFT EIS

The Phase 2 Draft EIS was published on **May 8, 2017**. The next step in the process is preparation of the Final EIS. The Final EIS will take into account—and will include responses to—all comments submitted on the Phase 1 and Phase 2 Draft EISs.

FINAL EIS

The Final EIS is expected to be completed in early 2018. **The Final EIS is a reference document—not a construction permit.** It will identify potential adverse environmental impacts associated with the Energize Eastside project alternatives, and provide recommended mitigation measures for public agencies to consider during the permitting process.

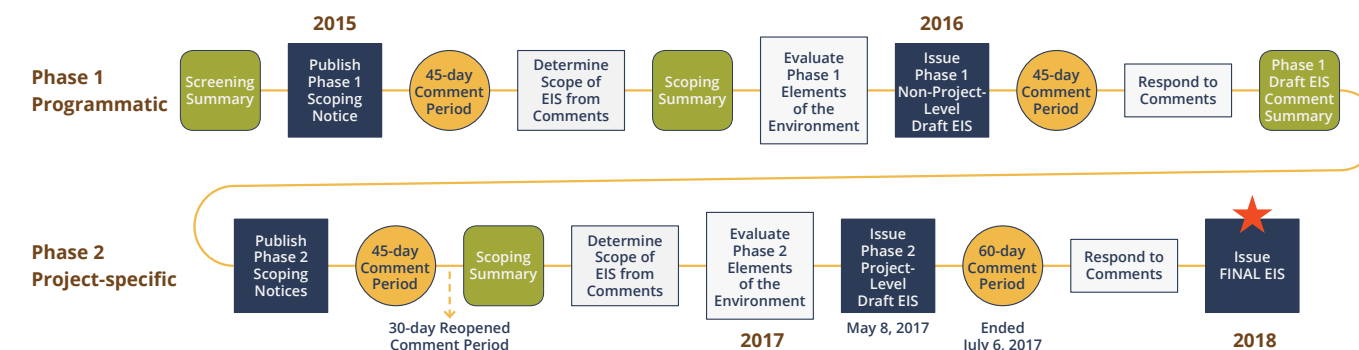
LOCAL PERMITTING PROCESS

Following publication of the Final EIS, PSE will need to obtain land use and construction permits from each of the five jurisdictions where the Energize Eastside project is proposed to be built: Bellevue, Newcastle, Renton, Redmond and unincorporated King County. PSE would not need permits from the City of Kirkland since no part of the proposed project would be built within its boundaries.

Each of the five jurisdictions has their own permitting process, as shown on the following pages. For any construction in a wetland PSE would also need a 404 permit issued by the US Army Corps of Engineers.

Other entities such as the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission (WUTC), Bonneville Power Administration (BPA), North American Electric Reliability Corporation (NERC), and Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) would not be involved in local construction permitting. They would however be involved in setting utility rates and regulating PSE's system to ensure it is operating properly.

EIS Preparation Process



Land Use Permitting Required for PSE to Construct Energize Eastside

Note: This document has been updated since preparation of the Final EIS.

City of Redmond

A Conditional Use Permit is required which includes a neighborhood meeting and public hearing.

Land Use Permits

CONDITIONAL Land Use Permit	Notice of Application	Neighborhood Meeting & Comment Period Staff Review	Staff Issues Recommendation	Public Hearing	Hearing Examiner Issues Decision ¹
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¹ Decision can be appealed to King County Superior Court.

City of Bellevue

Conditional Use Permit and Critical Areas Permit will be reviewed concurrently. The public comment period for each will occur during the same time frame.

<i>North Phase</i>	CONDITIONAL Land Use Permit	Notice of Application	Public Meeting & Comment Period Staff Review	Director Issues Recommendation	Public Hearing	Hearing Examiner Issues Recommendation ¹	City Council Adopts Ordinance	EBCC Issues Approval or Disapproval ³
<i>South Phase</i>	CONDITIONAL Land Use Permit	Notice of Application	Public Meeting & Comment Period Staff Review	Director Issues Recommendation	Public Hearing	Hearing Examiner Issues Decision ^{1, 3}		
<i>for both phases</i>	CRITICAL AREAS Permit	Notice of Application	Public Meeting & Comment Period Staff Review	Director Issues Decision ^{2, 3}				

¹ Decision can be appealed to the City Council.

² Decision can be appealed to the Hearing Examiner.

³ Decision by EBCC or decisions on administrative appeals (notes 1 & 2) can be appealed to King County Superior Court.

City of Newcastle

All permits will be reviewed concurrently. The public comment period for each will occur during the same time frame. PSE may apply for a variance to allow pole installation closer to the Olympic Pipeline right-of-way to reduce pole height in specific locations.

CONDITIONAL Land Use Permit ¹	Notice of Application	Public Comment Period Staff Review	Staff Issues Recommendation	Public Hearing	Hearing Examiner Issues Decision ²
VARIANCE Land Use Permit	Notice of Application	Public Comment Period Staff Review	Staff Issues Recommendation	Public Hearing	Hearing Examiner Issues Decision ²
SITE PLAN REVIEW Land Use Permit	Notice of Application	Public Comment Period Staff Review	Staff Issues Recommendation	Community Development Director Issues Decision	
CRITICAL AREAS Permit	Staff Issues Recommendation	Community Development Director Issues Decision ²			

¹ Decision must also consider criteria applicable to Utility Facilities-Regional.

² Decision can be appealed to King County Superior Court.

City of Renton

All anticipated permits will be processed under a single land use application file number and considered at one open record hearing with the City's Hearing Examiner.

CONDITIONAL Land Use Permit	Public Meeting	Notice of Application	Comment Period Staff Review	Staff Issues Recommendation	Public Hearing	Hearing Examiner Issues Decision ^{1, 2}
SHORELINE Exemption	Public Meeting	Notice of Application	Comment Period Staff Review	Staff Issues Recommendation	Public Hearing	Hearing Examiner Issues Decision ^{1, 2}

¹ Decision can be appealed to City Council. City Council decision can be appealed to King County Superior Court.

King County and the four cities above also require PSE obtain permits for engineering review, building and related facilities, clearing and grading, construction and use of the right-of-way.

To obtain these permits PSE must submit construction drawings that demonstrate compliance with all applicable codes. No public input is required.

Actual Permitting Processes May Differ

The anticipated permitting processes shown above are for Energize Eastside as currently proposed with local regulations in effect March 2018.