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CITY OF BELLEVUE, WASHINGTON

RESOLUTION NO. 7107

A RESOLUTION continuing consideration of certain amendments to the Comprehensive Plan outside of the 2004 or 2005 annual amendment process in order to protect neighborhoods and to provide a hierarchy for siting or expanding electrical substation facilities while preserving Puget Sound Energy's ability to meet demands for electrical service and directing the Planning Commission to hold a public hearing on the proposed amendments.

WHEREAS, the Growth Management Act requires jurisdictions to act no more than once per year to amend their Comprehensive Plans, except in the event of emergency; and

WHEREAS, the City has identified a priority to protect residential neighborhoods; and

WHEREAS, the Downtown and other commercial areas are developing at a rapid pace which is creating a growing need for electrical service; and

WHEREAS, Puget Sound Energy has identified a need to expand substations to meet the growing need for electrical service in commercial areas; and

WHEREAS, a number of electrical substations are currently located in predominantly residential neighborhoods; and

WHEREAS, the City, through the Planning Commission, will conduct a Public Hearing prior to adopting any Comprehensive Plan amendment considered under this resolution; now, therefore,

THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BELLEVUE, WASHINGTON, DOES RESOLVE AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. The Director of the Department of Planning and Community Development is hereby authorized to continue processing amendments to the Comprehensive Plan related to electrical substation facilities outside of the 2004 or 2005 annual amendment process. The Director shall involve neighborhood associations and Puget Sound Energy in the process of developing amendments to the Comprehensive Plan so as to address both the desire of Council and citizens for protection of residential neighborhoods from incompatible facilities and the needs of

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Puget Sound Energy to provide sufficient electrical energy to service the growing demand of Downtown Bellevue and other commercial areas. The consideration of such Comprehensive Plan amendments shall be processed in compliance with the provisions of the Land Use Code concerning amendments to the text of the Comprehensive Plan, including the requirement for a Public Hearing prior to final action.

Passed by the City Council this 6th day of December, 2004,
and signed in authentication of its passage this 6th day of December,
2004.

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Connie Marshall
Connie B. Marshall, Mayor

Attest:

Myrna L. Basich
Myrna L. Basich, City Clerk