



Subject: PSE's Energize Eastside Project

Dear Bellevue Resident,

Thank you for sharing your concerns with the City Council about Puget Sound Energy's Energize Eastside project, and for your commitment to Bellevue as one of the most livable cities in the country. I am replying to your letter on behalf of the City Council.

Bellevue has a well-deserved reputation for the quality of our neighborhoods and protecting them as a valuable city asset. Bellevue is also a growing city, and having reliable electric power to serve residents and businesses is vitally important to our quality of life and the continued success of our businesses. Siting or expanding electric utilities, roads, or communication systems is challenging and PSE's Energize Eastside project clearly presents one of those challenges. I can assure you that the city council and city staff are directing significant attention to the Energize Eastside project to ensure Bellevue's interests are addressed.

PSE has been conducting community outreach on the Energize Eastside project, work that started late in 2013. City staff has been participating in and are monitoring their engagement efforts so we can better understand the concerns and questions being asked by you and others throughout the city. Please continue to lend your voice to the outreach facilitated by PSE.

In addition to this engagement, the City Council directed staff to hire a consultant with expertise in electrical facilities development to provide an independent assessment of the Energize Eastside project need. That hiring process is underway now, and when completed, the work of expert consultant will provide important information to city decision makers.

The City will begin its formal review of the Energize Eastside project later this fall by conducting a multi-agency Environmental Impact Statement (EIS), including alternatives to the project objectives. The EIS and permit process will allow for additional and thorough public review and comment.

I hope this information is helpful to you. If you have questions about how the city is involved, the process, or how best to stay involved and informed, please contact me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Michael A. Brennan". The signature is fluid and cursive.

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