



PUBLIC UTILITY DISTRICT NO. 1 of CHELAN COUNTY

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To Whom It May Concern:

Back in June, Chelan County PUD sent you a letter about the Transmission Fire Hardening Project, aimed at reducing the severity and duration of power outages during wildfires on the high-voltage transmission system serving the Lake Chelan Valley. The PUD has proposed upgrading a transmission line between Chelan Falls and Union Valley from wood to steel poles. Steel poles allow fires to pass by them without burning, meaning lines can either remain in service during a fire, or experience much shorter outages to de-energize the line while a fire passes.

The PUD and its consultant have completed 30% design for Alternative 1, which upgrades the entire line section from Chelan Falls to Union Valley (see enclosed map). Features of the design include:

- Upgrading all transmission power poles between Chelan Falls and Union Valley from wood to steel.
- Ensuring clearances are compliant with regulatory requirements — which means some poles may be taller than existing structures, and some may be shorter.
- Poles will remain in the same general alignment as they are currently, although new pole locations will be offset slightly from existing poles.

After evaluating this design internally, we believe that Alternative 1 will provide the most fire protection and reliability to the Lake Chelan Valley. The next step is for the PUD to gather feedback on this design from the community.

In the coming weeks, PUD crews will stake the proposed locations of the new transmission poles. Property owners with a pole on their property will receive a postcard with more information about these stakes, and we encourage you to look at the location and follow up with us directly with any questions or concerns.

Then, on [Date placeholder], from [time placeholder], we will hold an Informational Drop-in Session at [location placeholder] to present the 30% design details, discuss the stake locations in more detail, and gather public feedback on Alternative 1.

If you have any questions or comments about the project, the design, or upcoming pole staking, please contact Jenna Rahm, Customer Outreach Specialist, at jenna.rahm@chelanpud.org or (509) 661-4630. You can also visit our website for more information: www.chelanpud.org/firehardening.

Thank you,

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Chad Bowman
Director, Transmission & Compliance
Chelan County Public Utility District