Substation Siting Community Engagement Update **September 20, 2016** Chad Rissman & Andy Wendell Photo: Walla Walla Substation - Wenatchee

Overview

- Status update for Chelan and Leavenworth projects
- Continue to work through the process in both locations
- Public input is active and feedback is being incorporated into next steps
- Planned actions and timeline
- Staff recommending to continue down the identified path in both Leavenworth and Chelan
- Seeking Board decision on our defined process moving forward

The Process

Deliverable:

- Respond to growth in Leavenworth and Chelan
- Provide reliable electric service for existing load and future growth
- Provide ~ three options for new substation sites in Leavenworth and Chelan to PUD Commissioners for consideration

Major milestones:

- Engage with a community focus group
- Seek additional input from the community groups
- Develop a foundation for decisions on site selection criteria
- Listened to and communicated with stakeholders and the community
- Narrowed to approximately (3) areas -> parcels -> sites
 - 3 in Leavenworth (currently)
 - 2 in Chelan (currently) pursuing others

Current status in Leavenworth:

- Consultant assisting in performing high-level analysis on three sites
- Next community/stakeholder meeting scheduled in November

Current status in Chelan:

- For this phase public comment period ended September 9th
- Using public comment to adjust consultant's scope of work and deliverable
- Next community/stakeholder meeting scheduled in November



Summary of Leavenworth Engagement

- 2013 PUD identified need for substation
- 2014 PUD performed engineering analysis
- 2015 Community engagement efforts began
- Dec. 8, 2015 Community meeting
- Jan. 25, 2016 Focus group mtg. No. 1
- Feb. 25, 2016 Focus group mtg. No. 2
- Mar. 28, 2016 Email update to 80 residents
- Mar. 30, 2016 Focus group mtg. No. 3
- May 19, 2016 Focus group mtg. No. 4

- June 28, 2016 Community meeting
- June 20, 2016 Update to PUD Commissioners
- July 6, 2016 Leavenworth Echo story
- Sept. 14, 2016 Email update to 80 residents
- Sept. 20, 2016 Update to PUD Commissioners
- Between Dec. 2015 and July 2016 numerous mentions on KOHO radio and during Manager's Items at PUD Commission meetings

Examples of public comments received:

- Concern about additional transmission needed for area 3 (west end of town)
- Want to know additional cost for underground distribution
- Minimum visual impact of overhead lines



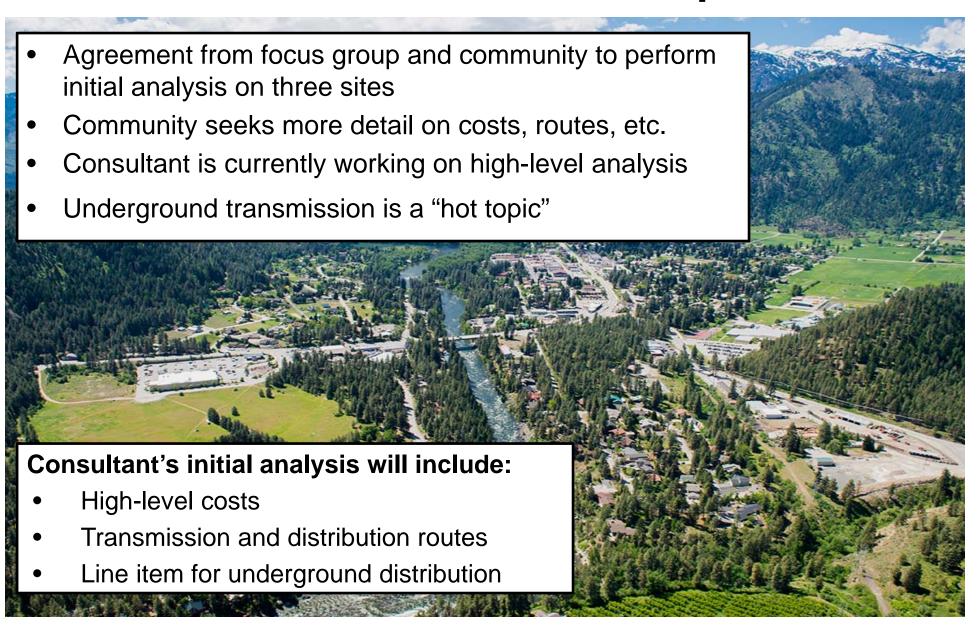
Leavenworth

Upcoming scheduled meetings in 2016

- Oct. 4
 - Residential Advisory Committee
- Oct. 20
 - Focus group meeting No. 5
- Oct. 25
 - City Council update
- Nov. 2
 - Community meeting



Leavenworth Substation Update



Summary of Chelan Engagement

- 2013 PUD identified need for substation
- 2014 PUD performed engineering analysis
- 2015 Community engagement efforts
- July 7, 2015 Letter to 400+ Chelan Hills res.
- July 10, 2015 GoLakeChelan story
- Aug. 4, 2015 Postcard to 4,500 residents
- Aug. 27, 2015 Community meeting
- Sept. 1, 2015 Letter to 400+ Chelan Hills res.
- Oct. 22, 2015 Focus group mtg. No. 1
- Jan. 22, 2016 Focus group mtg. No. 2
- Feb. 24, 2016 Email update to 150 residents
- Mar. 1, 2016 Focus group mtg. No. 3
- Apr. 20, 2016 Focus group mtg. No. 4
- May 5, 2016 Postcard to 6,300 residents
- May 5, 2016 Email update to 150 residents
- May 24, 2016 Community meeting
- May 25, 2016 GoLakeChelan story
- June 20, 2016 Update to PUD Commissioners
- June 14, 2016 Letter to owners in "Top 3" areas

- July 20, 2016 Email update to 150 residents
- Aug. 1, 2016 Update to PUD Commissioners
- Aug. 1, 2016 Postcard to 6,300 residents
- Aug. 2, 2016 Email update to 150 residents
- Aug. 9, 2016 Focus group mtg. No. 5
- Aug. 9, 2016 Update to City Council
- Aug. 10, 2016 GoLakeChelan story
- Aug. 15, 2016 Wenatchee World story
- Aug. 17, 2016 Email update to 150 residents
- Aug. 24, 2015 Lake Chelan Mirror story
- Aug. 24, 2016 Community meeting
- Aug. 25, 2016 Wenatchee World story
- Aug. 31, 2016 Lake Chelan Mirror story
- Sept. 6, 2016 Letter to neighbors of two sites
- Sept. 14, 2016 Email update to 150 residents
- Sept. 20, 2016 Update to PUD Commissioners
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August 24th community meeting outcomes:

- Understanding of the site selection process
- Informed community of next steps and timeline
- Public comment received mostly related to Franzen Orchard property, both negative and positive

Chelan Substation Update

- Two sites identified for further analysis
- Received public comment
- Public comment will be incorporated into consultant's analysis
- Continue to seek 3rd site option

Consultant's analysis will include:

- Routes options
- General costs
- Renderings & visuals
- Wildlife considerations
- Ground water review
- Environmental considerations
- Other as necessary



Examples of Public comment received in Chelan

- A substation should <u>not</u> be placed in a residential neighborhood
- Opposition to further analysis of the Franzen Orchard property area 9/10
- Environmental and wildlife impact concerns
- Support for substation located on Franzen Orchard property
- PUD Commissioners should be stewards of all ratepayers

Timeline & future update

CHELAN

LEAVENWORTH

Community Engagement	<u>August</u>	Consultant's high-level analysis began
Community Engagement Consultant's analysis begins	<u>September</u>	Consultant's high-level analysis
Consultant's analysis	<u>October</u>	Consultant's high-level analysis complete Community engagement
Consultant's analysis complete	<u>November</u>	Community meeting & engagement
Community meeting & engagement Present options to PUD Commissioners	<u>December</u>	Consultant completes full analysis Community meeting & engagement Present options to PUD Commissioners
Begin site acquisition	<u>January</u>	Begin site acquisition

<u>January</u> (forecasted)

Conclusion

- On path for primary deliverable
- Leavenworth 3 potential sites
- Received community feedback to incorporate into engineering analysis
- Chelan 2 potential sites
- Actively seeking third site
- Moving forward with engineering analysis and incorporating community feedback
- Seeking Board decision today on next steps



Questions?



