

Executive Summary

Leavenworth Substation Community Meeting

December 8, 2015

Chelan County PUD held a community meeting as part of the Leavenworth City Council meeting on Tuesday, December 8, 2015. The purpose of the community meeting was to introduce the need for a new substation and explain how the PUD will work with the community to find a location.

All of the Leavenworth City Council was in attendance along with many City employees. The new City Council members were also in attendance. Besides City officials, there were about fifteen members of the public. Commissioner Bergren, John Stoll, Andy Wendell, Chad Rissman, Shaun Seaman, Teka Parks, Gary Rice and Becky Jaspers attended from the PUD.

John opened the meeting at 6pm, followed by Chad who provided a high-level overview of substations. Shaun then explained how the PUD will collaborate with the community through the focus group process to find a location for the substation. Andy closed the meeting at 6:45pm after a question and answer period.

Summary of discussion:

- The PUD is committed to meeting the needs of the community
- The PUD wants to work with the community to find a location for the substation
- The PUD is working through a similar process in the Chelan area
- Leavenworth Substations #1 and #2 serve all of Leavenworth
- Both have reached 85% capacity
- A new substation is needed in the next 3-5 years to support growth
- We will need to find a balance in criteria when siting the substation
- A focus group will be formed to engage the community in siting the substation
- The focus group will be representation of residential and business representatives as well as public agencies
- Shaun asked for volunteers and will work to find other volunteers
- We anticipate the focus group will be formed by the end of December with the first meeting to be held in January
- Attached is the framework, timeline and expectation for the focus group

Q&A

- It is not the PUD's practice to use Eminent Domain to acquire property
- The PUD standard is a minimum 1 acre parcel for a 28 MVA substation
- The PUD would prefer a location that does not undermine operational standards
- Transmission feeding into the substation will be overhead
- A 28 MVA substation will support approximately 1,500-2,000 homes
- Results of the health risks and impacts to property values associated with living near a substation are inconclusive

Questions:
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