

MEETING NOTES

PUBLIC UTILITY DISTRICT NO. 1 OF CHELAN COUNTY-REGULAR COMMISSION MEETING-(SPECIAL MEETING)

Leavenworth (Bavarian) Substation Community Meeting & Project Update

Leavenworth City Council Chambers - June 28, 2016 – 6 - 6:45 pm

Attendees:

- Chelan County PUD Commissioners Smith, Bergren, Arsenault, Congdon
- Chelan County PUD Staff: Chad Rissman, Shaun Seaman, Teka Sellers, Becky Jaspers, Gary Rice
- Leavenworth City Council and staff
- Approximately 35 members of the public

Leavenworth Mayor Cheri Farivar opened the City Council meeting in conjunction with PUD Commissioner Randy Smith opening the PUD Special Meeting at 6 p.m. Commissioner Carnan Bergren led the flag salute.

Shaun Seam provided an overview of the meeting purpose and desired outcomes.

- Update the community on progress made since the last meeting in December 2015
- Hear from the community focus group about the process and work that has been accomplished
- Discuss the current status of the project , next steps, and timeline

Chad Rissman provided an overview of why the substation is needed.

- The existing substations serving the area (2) are nearing capacity
- The most recent substation was energized in the early 1980's
- Growth and development is on the rise in the Leavenworth area and additional capacity is needed

Scott Bradshaw, member of the community focus group presented.

- Learned through the process that a project can be more successful with community involvement
- The focus group has been a good group to work with, everyone contributed to the process
- Provided an overview of the work accomplished at each of the four focus group meetings
- Explained where the group is today and the status of the project – Top 3 areas

Clint Lougheed, member of the focus group commented that the process has been open and collaborative and appreciated that the PUD started communication early.

Susan Noland, member of the focus group commented that she volunteered because she is passionate about the placement of the substation. She feels the PUD has the community's best interest in mind.

Shaun followed up on some of the focus group's work and accomplishments:

- The PUD provided some of the site selection criteria to begin with and the focus group modified it to fit the needs of the Leavenworth community. The criteria is "owned" by the community focus group.
- Through the evaluation process, the focus group considered not only the substation site, but also the impacts of distribution and transmission lines.
- All discussions regarding the substation site will incorporate these three aspects – substation site, distribution (out of substation) and transmission (into substation)

Questions from the public:

Q. How would the PUD bring transmission to a substation in area 3 (west end of town)?

A. Transmission would need to be connected to the existing Transmission that runs along the east end of town. A substation in this area would not be served by Transmission coming from the Puget Sound Energy line that runs from the west side of the mountains. The community focus group took into account the fact that additional transmission would be needed if a substation were to be sited in area 3.

Q. Would there be any benefit to placing a substation in area 3 (west end of town)?

A. Placing a substation on the west end of town would provide redundancy in the distribution system as the two existing substations are currently located on the east end of town.

Shaun discussed next steps and timeline:

- PUD Lands and Real Estate staff has begun contacting property owners in the Top 3 areas
- Staff will continue to contact property owners and will compile a list of all property owners in those areas that are interested in having a conversation about selling property for the purpose of a substation
- PUD staff will transition from looking at general areas, to looking at parcels, to then looking at actual sites within those parcels
- The community focus group will remain involved in the process
- The PUD will host another community meeting once three sites have been identified
- A consultant will provide detailed cost analysis and renderings on the three sites
- PUD staff and the community focus group will then present this information to PUD Commissioners

The PUD will continue to update the website:

www.chelanpud.org/NewLeavenworthSubstation

Contact Teka Sellers with questions and for other information

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