

Lake Chelan powerlines topic of PUD discussion Monday

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WENATCHEE — Chelan County PUD commissioners and staff Monday will continue their discussion about the cost of placing transmission lines underground along Lake Chelan's North Shore to avoid obstructing views.

The discussion will happen at 1 p.m. in the commission board room at PUD headquarters, 327 N. Wenatchee Ave., third floor.

Placing transmission lines underground is five to 10 times more expensive than stringing them on poles, PUD officials say.

Maintenance costs are also higher and expected life is about half the 80 years expected of overhead lines.

The "undergrounding" discussion has been part of the utility's ongoing effort to work with North Shore residents to site a needed new substation.

For more details about the North Shore substation project, visit chelanpud.org/NewChelanSubstation.

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