

# NOTES & ACTION ITEMS

## Meeting No. 4 – May 19, 2016

### Bavarian (Leavenworth) Substation Community Focus Group

**Attendees:** Joel Walinski, Elmer Larsen, Nathan Pate, Earl Goodman, Scott Bradshaw, Tom Keziah, Clint Lougheed, Jess Boyd, *Andy Wendell, Chad Rissman, Gary Rice, Teka Parks, Shaun Seaman*

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#### 1. Meeting Summary:

- Shaun opened the meeting, reviewing meeting #3 and the work that had been done up to this point
- We reviewed and modified some scoring from the evaluation matrix, a few group members had not been present at meeting #3 to take part in the scoring
- There was some discussion about area 3 regarding aesthetics and distribution
  - The PUD typically utilizes the type of distribution that exists in the area
  - We could utilize existing infrastructure for distribution if a substation was sited in area 3
  - We would need to build transmission to feed a substation sited in area 3, it would likely be stacked on top of the existing distribution circuit that runs through town, in the alley just north of Hwy. 2
  - Discussed the economic impact of using the land for a substation
- Discussed the impacts of additional transmission versus additional distribution
  - There are more opportunities for mitigation with distribution than there is transmission
  - Underground distribution uses more real estate than overhead distribution – you have to keep the area over underground distribution clear for safety and access
  - You can't build over underground distribution and you can't build under overhead distribution
- Added a row to the evaluation matrix under Aesthetics and Neighborhood Values section for transmission
  - The group evaluated the top seven ranked areas with this additional criteria
- The group re-evaluated underground/overhead distribution for the top seven ranked areas
- The group validated and confirmed the final evaluation matrix with the modifications
- Question: When would the PUD condemn property for the purpose of siting a substation?
  - The PUD has not practiced this in recent history
  - It's not something the PUD contemplates
  - The focus group has been charged with finding a "win-win"
- Gary and Becky reviewed Real Estate Services (RES) version of the evaluation matrix, completed on the top seven ranked areas
- Distributed copies of the map indicating the "Top 3" areas
- Distributed copies of RES version of the evaluation matrix
- Based on RES evaluation, area 15 was not a viable area to site a substation – the group agreed and area 15 was removed from the list
- RES also suggested we add area 8a, near the existing area 8 – RES evaluated an area considered 8a
- The "Top 3" areas that were identified at meeting #3 did not change as a result of the modified scoring
- The "Top 3" areas remain:
  - #3
  - #9-10
  - #8, 8a, 14
- Area 9-10 was modified slightly to remove the section of the bubble that crossed the river
- The group agreed we should communicate to the community early, prior to any decision making – take less detail to the community early to keep them informed, rather than going to late with too much detail
- The group agreed we would hold two community meetings – one in June with less detail and one later when we have more detail about what the substation would look like including distribution and transmission

#### Next steps and action items:

- Becky will begin contacting all property owners in the "Top 3" areas
- A community meeting has been set for Tuesday, June 28<sup>th</sup>, 6-6:45 p.m., Leavenworth City Hall
- A focus group member will be asked to present information about the value of the group and the process to the community, the process itself and a status update
- The group requested to meet again after the consultant completed early cost analysis work