




MEMORANDUM

TO: Satpal Sidhu, Whatcom County Executive

FROM: Shannon Batdorf, Parks Administrative Supervisor

THROUGH: Bennett Knox, Director of Parks 

DATE: July 12, 2023

RE: Puget Sound Energy Easement

Enclosed please find a Puget Sound Energy Easement agreement allowing installation and operation of electrical services across Whatcom County Parks property to service private properties located off of Blue Canyon Road.

Background and Purpose

Puget Sound Energy has requested that Whatcom County allow for a private utility easement across park property to service two residences located off of Blue Canyon Road. The two residential properties are currently serviced by Puget Sound Energy by above ground service wires that cross Park property. Parks and Puget Sound Energy have determined that these existing overhead services were installed without a properly executed easement agreement.

The two residences have requested upgraded services from Puget Sound Energy. Parks supports granting the easement agreement with the condition that the existing overhead wires are removed, and new service wires and all associated equipment be installed underground. Both the property owners and Puget Sound Energy have agreed to this stipulation, and therefore Parks recommends approval of the easement agreement.

Funding Amount and Source

This is a no cost private utility easement with Puget Sound Energy. The private property owners will pay the fair market value for their individual easement areas as a condition of separate entrance agreements that allow them to excavate a trench in which Puget Sound Energy will install the underground service.

Differences from Previous Contract

This is a new contract.

Please contact Rod Lamb, extension 5858, if you have any questions or concerns.