

**WHATCOM COUNTY**  
**Parks & Recreation Dept.**  
3373 Mount Baker Highway  
Bellingham, WA 98226



**Bennett Knox**  
Director  
**Christ Thomsen**  
Parks Operations Manager

## MEMORANDUM

**TO:** Satpal Sidhu, Whatcom County Executive  
**THROUGH:** Bennett Knox, Director  
**FROM:** Shannon Batdorf, Parks Administrative Supervisor  
**RE:** Puget Sound Energy Easement  
**DATE:** January 13, 2026

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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 a private residence located off of Blue Canyon Road. The residential property is currently serviced by Puget Sound Energy by above ground service wires that cross Park property. Parks and Puget Sound Energy have determined that the existing overhead service was installed without a properly executed easement agreement.

The private property owner has requested an upgraded service 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, and the property owner pays fair market value for the easement area required for the electrical service installation and any future required maintenance. The property owner 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 owner will pay the fair market value for the individual easement areas as a condition of a entrance agreement that allows 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 at extension 5858, if you have any questions or concerns.

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