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## NOTIFICATION OF SEPA DETERMINATION

January 9<sup>th</sup>, 2025

This letter is to inform you that Public Utility District No. 1 of Snohomish County has evaluated the project described below under the State Environmental Policy Act (SEPA) and made a determination concerning the potential impacts. The evaluation for this project included a comprehensive review of current and past environmental documents related to site conditions and the project proposal.

**Name of Project:** Crosswinds Transmission

**Project Location:** The transmission and distribution work is approximately 1.92 miles long and is located within the City of Arlington. The City owns all the property around the airport, and all the commercial businesses that operate within the alignment rent the land from the City. The project takes place exclusively in the Cascade Industrial Center which is the 2<sup>nd</sup> largest hub of industrial activity in Snohomish County.

The project corridor is located within the boundaries of Southeast Section 15 in Township 31 Range 5, and Section 22 in Township 31 Range 2.

**Project Description:** The District will rebuild an existing distribution line in Arlington and add a new transmission line between the Portage Substation and the new Crosswinds Substation. The line will connect the new Battery Energy Storage System (BESS) to the greater electrical system. This will involve adding approximately 37 transmission and 26 distribution poles, as well as removing 52 distribution poles. Construction is scheduled to start in the summer of 2025 and scheduled to be complete in the fall of 2025.

The SEPA determination and environmental checklist have also been mailed to the following agencies and organizations with an interest in the project:

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Tulalip Tribes      | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Swinomish Tribe  |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Snohomish County    | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Washington Department of Ecology                               |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Stillaguamish Tribe | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Washington Department of Archaeology and Historic Preservation |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> BNSF Railroad       |  |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> City of Arlington   |  |

This letter and the attached documents are intended to inform you of the project and the SEPA process. The environmental checklist and other documents related to this project proposal are available at <http://www.snopud.com/sepa>.

Questions or comments regarding the project may be directed to the project leader, Eric Knigge at 425-407-3666 or [ElKnigge@snopud.com](mailto:ElKnigge@snopud.com) and questions or comments regarding the SEPA determination may be directed to the responsible official, Colleen Murphy, at 425-783-5504 or [cmurphy@snopud.com](mailto:cmurphy@snopud.com).