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**DETERMINATION OF NONSIGNIFICANCE (DNS)
(WAC 197-11-970)**

Name of Proposal:

Hat Island Electric Cable Replacement

Description of Proposal:

Public Utility District No. 1 of Snohomish County (PUD) is proposing to install a new three-phase electric submarine cable between Hat Island in Possession Sound, and the Port of Everett to continue reliable electric service to PUD customers on Hat Island. The new cable will replace the existing cable, that was installed in 1974, which is reaching the end of its serviceable life. The cable will be installed using horizontal directional drilling (HDD) at both landfalls to avoid sensitive shoreline areas. The cable will emerge underwater and be laid directly on the seafloor between the drilled areas for a total distance of approximately six miles. The work is expected to begin in phases during summer 2025 and be completed by mid-2026.

Proponent:

Public Utility District No. 1 of Snohomish County

Location of Proposal, including address, if any:

Project components are located at the Port of Everett, Hat Island, and within the Possession Sound. A site map showing the location of the project, including the in-water routing of the submarine cable can be viewed at Snopud.com/SEPA

The Port of Everett is accessed by the west end of Hewitt Ave, Bond Street and Terminal Ave and the Hat Island boat launch.

Snohomish County Parcel Number 29042500400200. Lat. 47.971318 N./ Long. -122.229857 W., NE ¼ of Section 8, Township 29N, Range 04E (Everett side)

Hat Island can be accessed by private boat or local ferry only.

Snohomish County Parcel Number 00466300003001. Lat. 48.019122 N./ Long -122.321844 W., Section 08 Township 29 North, Range 04 East (Hat Island side)

Lead Agency:

Public Utility District No. 1 of Snohomish County

The lead agency for this proposal has determined that it does not have a probable significant adverse impact on the environment. An environmental impact statement (EIS) is not required under RCW 43.21.030(c). This decision was made after review of a completed environmental checklist and other information on file with the lead agency. This information is available to the public upon request.

There is no comment period for this DNS.

This DNS is issued under WAC 197-11-340(2); the lead agency will not act on this proposal for 14 days from the date below. Comments must be submitted by Monday, April 7th, 2025.

Responsible Official: Colleen Murphy **Date:** March 20th, 2025

Position/title: Manager, Environmental Affairs

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Documents reviewed as part of this Determination of Non-significance can be viewed at:
<http://www.snopud.com/sepa> or by request.