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

Name of Proposal:  
Sky Valley Switching Station and Communications Facility

Description of Proposal:  
The proposed project includes a new switching substation and wireless communications facility located at 19622 Tjerne Pl SE Monroe, WA 98272. The station will add electrical transmission reliability, distribution capacity and distribution reliability within the Snohomish County PUD’s service area. The facility will improve the District’s radio coverage in the area. The project consists of phased development including clearing trees on the site, grading the site, drainage features, foundations, electrical enclosures and landscaping. The initial development activities are proposed for 2022, the project footprint will be established in 2022 and additional equipment added within the footprint during 2023-2024 and as needed by the development of the surrounding area to meet ongoing demand and reliability needs.

Proponent:  
Public Utility District No. 1 of Snohomish County

Location of Proposal, including address, if any:  
The 6.43-acre project site is located at 19622 Tjerne Place SE in Monroe, Washington (98272) within Section 6 of Township 27 North and Range 1 East.

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

   May 6, 2021

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Date: 4/22/2021

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The threshold determination includes reference to and review of existing environmental information concerning the history, development and current site conditions of the project.

1. SEPA Environmental Checklist, PUD No. 1 of Snohomish County, April 20, 2021
3. Preliminary Environmental Screening prepared by GeoEngineers, dated July 19, 2012
5. Tree Inventory and Impact Assessment Report by Shoffner Consulting, dated December 17, 2020
6. Radio Frequency Propagation Study prepared by the District, dated April 19, 2021

These documents were considered during the SEPA review process and will be made available to reviewing agencies with jurisdiction over the project as part of their permitting processes. Documents listed here may be available for review upon request.

**Agencies Notified:**

- ☑ City of Monroe
- ☑ Snohomish County
- ☑ Stillaguamish Tribe
- ☑ Federal Aviation Administration
- ☑ Tulalip Tribes
- ☑ Federal Communication Commission
- ☑ Washington Department of Ecology
- ☑ Washington Department of Transportation
- ☑ Washington Department of Archaeology and Historic Preservation