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

**Name of Proposal:**

Draft Snohomish PUD 2023 Integrated Resource Plan (IRP) Update

**Description of Proposal:**

The draft Snohomish PUD 2023 Integrated Resource Plan (IRP) Update is a non-project action that proposes a long-term resource strategy to provide reliable electric service to customers at the lowest, reasonable cost, under a variety of futures the PUD could face over the period of 2024 through 2045. To achieve this objective, a range of alternatives is considered. This requires a plan that is flexible for the PUD, and that can adapt to changing circumstances without adverse financial impacts or other risks. The plan also incorporates a near term action plan that implements the long-term resource strategy. The proposed long-term resource strategy and action plan are considered for adoption by the Board of Commissioners of the Public Utility District No. 1 of Snohomish County. Any Washington state utility with more than 25,000 customers must conduct a comprehensive integrated resource planning process every four years and provide an update to its plan every two years, per Chapter 19.280.030, Revised Code of Washington. To the extent a particular project or generating resource is contemplated as it relates to one of these programmatic activities, the project itself would undergo a more comprehensive analysis, of a type that is appropriate to the project, including a project-specific environmental review. The draft 2023 IRP Update was initially presented to the PUD's Board of Commissioners for consideration on October 30, 2023.

**Proponent:**

Public Utility District No. 1 of Snohomish County

**Location of Proposal, including address, if any:**

The draft 2023 Integrated Resource Plan (IRP) Update is a non-project proposal that does not include specific locations or projects.

**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 November 21, 2023.

**Responsible Official:** Colleen Murphy

**Signature** Colleen Murphy **Date:** 11/7/2023

**Position/title:** Manager, Environmental Affairs

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

**Environmental Information:**

1. Draft 2023 Integrated Resource Plan SEPA Environmental Checklist, including Part D for Non-Project Actions, PUD No. 1 of Snohomish County, November 7, 2023.
2. Exhibit A: Draft Snohomish PUD 2023 Integrated Resource Plan (IRP) Update, October 30, 2023.

Documents listed here are available by request from the contacts listed in the Notice of SEPA determination, or online at: <http://www.snopud.com/sepa>

**Agencies Notified:**

- ☒ Tulalip Tribes
- ☒ Washington State Department of Commerce
- ☒ Washington Department of Ecology
- ☒ Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife
- ☒ Snohomish County Planning and Development Services
- ☒ NW Energy Coalition