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

Name of Proposal:

Sills Corner to Stanwood 115 kilovolt (kV) Reconductor - Phase 3

Description of Proposal:

The District plans to rebuild the aging power line between Sills Corner and North Stanwood Substation in three phases to improve reliability and provide additional capacity. Approximately 9 new wood and 44 new iron/steel poles will be installed, and a total of 69 existing wooden poles will be removed during this phase. Construction for Phase 3 is anticipated from July 2024 through October 2025.

Proponent:

Public Utility District No. 1 of Snohomish County

Location of Proposal, including address, if any:

The entire project area for Phase 3 is approximately 3.58 miles long. All 3.58 miles of work is within unincorporated Snohomish County. Phase 3 begins northwest of the Stillaguamish River and extends southeast and parallel to the BNSF railroad on the west side of the railroad embankment. The southeast terminus to the project is on the west side of the BNSF embankment, parallel to 188th St. NE.

The project corridor is located within the following sections: Sections 1, 2, 12, and 13 in Township 31 North, Range 04 East and Section 18 of Township 31 North, Range 5 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 10, 2024

Contact Person: Colleen Murphy

Signature: Colleen Murphy Date: Apr. 25, 2024

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 site conditions of the project.

1. SEPA Environmental Checklist, PUD No. 1 of Snohomish County, April 24, 2024.
2. Critical Areas Study prepared by HDR Inc., dated February 3rd 2024.
3. Cultural Resources Assessment prepared by ASM Affiliates, Inc., dated December 2023.
4. Preliminary Engineering Site Plan.

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:

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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 |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> BNSF Railroad | Preservation |