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

Name of Proposal:

Crosswinds Transmission

Description of Proposal:

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.

Proponent:

Public Utility District No. 1 of Snohomish County

Location of Proposal, including address, if any:

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 2nd 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.

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.

X 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
Jan 27, 2025

Contact Person: Colleen Murphy

Signature: Colleen Murphy **Date:** Jan. 9, 2025

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, August 2, 2024.
2. Cultural Resources Assessment to be completed in early 2025

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"/> 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 | |