



Snohomish County Council

Committee: Public Works and Infrastructure

Analyst: Deb Evison Bell

ECAF: 2022-1305

Proposal: Ord. 22-074

Date: January 17, 2023

Consideration

The proposed ordinance would grant a non-exclusive franchise authorizing limited use of the public road rights-of-way in portions of unincorporated Snohomish County, Washington to Puget Sound Energy, Inc, under SCC 13.80.030.

Background

Puget Sound Energy, Inc. has applied to Snohomish County for a non-exclusive franchise to construct, operate, and maintain a natural gas system within public rights-of-way in unincorporated Snohomish County.

Puget Sound Energy, Inc. agrees to comply with all requirements of Federal Law, State Law, County Charter, County Code, the County EDDS, the County's Utility Accommodation Policy, all rights-of-way use permit application, review, and construction standards, including but not limited to the County's Comprehensive Plan, Zoning Code, and other development regulations.

Included in the ECAF packet is an illustration of the franchise area as specified in Section 1.3 of the Franchise and as depicted in Exhibit A, along with the County Engineers report and recommendation, which is to grant the right-of-way franchise, under SCC 13.80.040.

Current Proposal

Scope: Approval by Council of this non-exclusive franchise to Puget Sound Energy, Inc.

Duration: The maximum term of the proposed franchise is twenty years (20), is proposed.

Fiscal Implications: County expenditures are estimated at \$1,000, and all costs are to be reimbursed by the applicant to Public Works prior to recording of the franchise.

Budget Impacts: Franchise expenditure reimbursements are not specifically included in the adopted Public Works budget due to timing of application and fee payment and reimburses County Public Works staff time to process the agreement.

Handling: Normal

Approved-as-to-form: No

Risk Management: APPROVE.

Executive Recommendation: APPROVE.

Attachments: See ECAF packet.

Amendments: NONE.

Request: The requested action is for Council to move this to GLS on January 18, 2023, to set a time and date for a Public Hearing, with the time and date of 10:30 am on February 8, 2023, suggested.