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Agenda

- 1. Call to Order/Roll Call – 5:30 PM**
- 2. Approval of Agenda/Conflict of Interest Disclosure**
- 3. Council Liaison Report**
- 4. Regular Business**
 - a) Approval of minutes from November 26, 2024
 - b) Continued discussion of 2024-25 Utility Rate Study – 50 min
 - a. Follow-up discussion from 11/26
 - b. Water and sewer system participation fees
 - c. Storm and Surface Water Management rates
 - d. Rate equity evaluation
 - c) UAC 2025 Work Plan (20 min)
 - d) UAC data ask of Puget Sound Energy (10 min)
 - e) Public Works Update – 10 min
- 5. Public Comment**

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6. Good of the Order

7. Adjourn

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Date: 19 December November 2024

From: Bainbridge Island Utility Advisory Committee

To: City of Bainbridge Island Council and City Manager

RE: Requesting Localized Reliability Information from Puget Sound Energy in Support of Potential Electric Wire Undergrounding

We ask that the City request the following specific information well in advance of the next annual PSE meeting to help in deciding the next steps in the planning for electrical wire undergrounding on the island:

1. For all of the electric distribution system's major branches in the City, what are the annual statistics on frequency and duration of interruptions? A five year look back is desired.
2. Identify which one or two branches or neighborhoods have had the most frequent outages and the longest duration outages.
3. What is a budgetary planning estimate for undergrounding the worst segment(s)? Detail the City's share under the UTC tariff structure.
4. What is the planning, engineering, and construction timeline needed?

Further, we ask that the City provide PSE's response to the UAC.

Discussion:

From the new Franchise Agreement:

17. Undergrounding of Facilities.

17.1 PSE acknowledges that the City desires to promote a policy of undergrounding of Facilities within the Franchise Area. The City acknowledges that PSE provides electrical service on a non-preferential basis subject to and in accordance with Tariffs on file with the WUTC (or such other regulatory agency having jurisdiction). Subject to and in accordance with such Tariffs, PSE will cooperate and may participate with the City in the formulation of policy and development regulations concerning undergrounding of PSE's Facilities within the Franchise Area.

17.2 The City may by written notice to PSE request PSE to underground its existing distribution Facilities (of 15,000 volts or less) within the Franchise Area. Any such conversion of PSE's existing Facilities shall be accomplished subject to and in accordance with PSE's Tariff.

The MOU also states PSE will provide System Average Interruption Duration Index (SAIDI) and System Average Interruption Frequency Index (SAIFI) statistics annually. These system-wide annual averages are too general to support project planning. We believe the City has a compelling need to ask for neighborhood-specific data and that PSE can readily obtain such data. Further such data will enable the City to better gauge current reliability and evaluate PSE's suite of reliability improvement projects.