

1. How does the franchise, or PSE in general, deal with mitigating the effects/risks caused by climate change?

Puget Sound Energy has set an aspirational goal to be a [Beyond Net Zero](#) Carbon company by 2045: PSE will target reducing its own carbon emissions to net zero and go beyond by helping other sectors to enable carbon reduction across the state of Washington. To achieve this vision, we're pursuing a collection of commitments and aspirational goals:

- We're committed to reducing emissions from PSE electric and gas operations and electric supply to net zero by 2030. By 2045, PSE will have a 100% carbon-free electric supply.*
- We aspire to reach net zero carbon emissions for natural gas used in customer homes and businesses by 2045, with an interim target of a 30% emissions reduction by 2030.*
- We will go beyond reducing emissions that we report by partnering with customers and industry to reduce carbon across sectors and across the state.*

The path to achieving Beyond Net Zero Carbon is complex, but with the right combination of technology, policy, and partnership, we believe this is possible.

2. How is PSE minimizing the risks for wild fires from power lines?

Wildfires have emerged as a growing public safety concern for much of the western United States. PSE is taking a comprehensive approach to mitigating the evolving risk of wildfires, working to ensure safety while maintaining the reliable delivery of energy. Many of our wildfire-related actions also help protect our system from other hazards, like high winds and winter storms. Other steps are unique to wildfires.

Our latest [Wildfire Mitigation and Response Plan for 2022](#) outlines our year-round efforts to prepare for, and help prevent, wildfires in PSE's service area. As a part of our plan, we're inviting communities at a higher risk for wildfires to discuss our mitigation plan and future tools under consideration. This includes the possibility of proactively turning off power during high-risk weather conditions, known as Public Safety Power Shutoffs (PSPS). In June, PSE held a community meeting with in the Ronald, Roslyn, Cle Elum area and will meet with Greenwater residents later this month.

While PSE provides some electric service to Lake Forest Park residents, Seattle City Light serves the vast majority of the city. For more on the steps they are taking, please click [here](#).

3. Who would pay if the City asked PSE to underground a facility that was being moved within the ROW anyway for a public project?

Puget Sound Energy (PSE) is governed by rules and regulations established by the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission (WUTC). Included in this regulatory setting is the WUTC's responsibility for setting PSE's rates and service obligations under PSE's electric and natural gas tariffs. Conversions of PSE's overhead electric distribution systems to comparable underground distribution systems are governed by PSE's Electric Tariff G.

Requests by cities, counties, and certain other governmental entities for underground conversion of PSE's overhead electric distribution electric systems are governed by Schedule 74 of the tariff. Approved by the WUTC in 2002, Schedule 74 established a specific process to be followed in the design and construction