

# Puget Sound Energy Shoreline Exemption Application

## Project Narrative

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**Project Name:** Puget Sound Energy (PSE), 16524 Shore Drive NE, Residential Gas Service

**Project Address:** 16524 Shore Drive NE, Lake Forest Park, WA 98155

**Project Description:**

Puget Sound Energy (PSE) is proposing to install new natural gas service from a 2-inch gas main located on the north side of Shore Drive NE to an existing residence located on the south side of Shore Drive NE. The project will require the excavation of three work pits ranging in size from 9 to 15 square feet. The gas line will be installed using a hole-hog. The project corridor includes Lake Forest Park ROW and private property. All work would be conducted within existing PSE utility easements in accordance with WAC 480-100-168. No critical areas are located on or adjacent to the project site and the project does not involve any tree removal. The project is categorically exempt from State Environmental Policy Act (SEPA) review under WAC-197-11-800(23)(c). The project is located entirely within 200 feet of the ordinary high water mark (OHWM) of the Lake Washington and is therefore subject to the City's Shoreline Master Program (SMP). The attached JARPA application and SEPA checklist provide additional project details, including construction methods and equipment.

**Project Schedule:**

Construction of the project is expected to begin on June 1, 2019 (or as soon as all permits are acquired) and take approximately one day (8 hours) to complete.

**Shoreline Master Program: Applicability and Request for Exemption**

As noted above, the project is entirely located within 200 feet of the OHWM of Lake Washington and is therefore subject to the Lake Forest Park (LFP) Shoreline Master program (SMP). The City's SMP regulations are contained in Lake Forest Municipal Code (LFPMC) 16.18.010 and the LFP SMP, which is incorporated by reference. Under Chapter 3.3(B)(2) of the LFP SMP a Shoreline Substantial Development Permit (SSDP) is required for uses, activities, or development within the shoreline jurisdiction, unless it meets the requirements for an exemption described in Chapter 3.3(C) of the LFP SMP.

Under Chapter 3.3(C)(6)(e) of the LFP SMP, "Construction by an owner, lessee, or contract purchaser of a single-family residence for their own use or for the use of their family, which residence does not exceed a height of thirty-five (35) feet above average grade level and meets all requirements of the City of Lake Forest Park having jurisdiction thereof, other than requirements imposed pursuant to the Act. "Single-family residence" means a detached dwelling designed for and occupied by one family including

those structures and developments within a contiguous ownership which are a normal appurtenance. An "appurtenance" is necessarily connected to the use and enjoyment of a single-family residence and is located landward of the ordinary high water mark and the perimeter of a wetland. Normal appurtenances include a garage, deck, driveway, utilities, fences, installation of a septic tank and drainfield, and grading which does not exceed two hundred fifty cubic yards and which does not involve placement of fill in any wetland or waterward of the ordinary high water mark. Construction authorized under this exemption shall be located landward of the ordinary high water mark."

The proposed work for this project meets the requirements contained in Chapter 3.3(C)(6)(e) of the LFP SMP for a shoreline exemption. The proposed gas line is development connected to a single-family residence and would provide service solely to that residence. The gas line would be located landward of the OHWM of Lake Washington and no wetlands occur on or adjacent to the site. Grading does not exceed 250 cubic yards and no fill will be placed in wetlands or waterward of the OHWM. The proposed work in the shoreline jurisdiction is located in existing improved areas and the project will have no adverse effect to shoreline resources or environment.

Based on the above, we are requesting a shoreline exemption for the proposed work in the shoreline jurisdiction under Chapter 3.3(C)(6)(e) of the LFP SM