Description of Proposal
SPU owns and operates a drinking water feeder main on the West Seattle peninsula of the City of Seattle. The 108-year-old main is a 16-inch diameter cast iron pipe with lead joints. A section of this pipe is in the street right-of-way for SW Spokane St and is covered by a surficial course of asphalt installed by recent construction associated with adjacent residential development. SPU has identified this pipe section as having unacceptably high risk and consequence of failure due to its shallow burial depth and a previous failure. SPU has identified a project (SPU Project C117045) that would replace the subject pipe section.

The project would remove the existing main from service and abandon it in-place using a cut-and-cap procedure. The project would then install approximately 71 lineal feet of new 16-inch diameter ductile iron pipe parallel to the existing pipe and install or replace associated fittings and other appurtenances (such as valves) as required. Construction would use standard open excavation methods and equipment. The project would also install a new 16-inch diameter isolation valve in the water distribution system buried in the street right-of-way at the intersection of 34th Ave SW and SW Spokane St one block west of the pipe replacement. All demolished and damaged pavements would be restored (and additional curb ramps installed) as required by SDOT.

Proponent
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Location of Proposal
The project is in improved street right-of-way for SW Spokane St in the North Admiral neighborhood of West Seattle, City of Seattle. The work area is between 33rd Ave SW and Fauntleroy Ave SW and at the intersection of 34th Ave SW and SW Spokane St.

Lead Agency
Seattle Public Utilities, 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 43.21C.030(2)(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 on request.

This Determination of Non-Significance (DNS) is issued under WAC 197-11-340(2); the lead agency will not act on this proposal for fourteen (14) days from the issuance date below.

A copy of the environmental checklist is available online at http://www.seattle.gov/utilities/documents
Public and Agency Comments
Comments on this DNS must be submitted by May 4, 2020 and must be sent by email to:

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Signature:  Betty Meyer  Issue Date:  April 20, 2020

Appeals
Appeals of this DNS must be accompanied by an $85.00 filing fee and must be filed by 5:00 p.m. on May 11, 2020. Please see the Office of the Hearing Examiner web site for Temporary Operating Rules During COVID-19:  http://www.seattle.gov/hearing-examiner