

**Seattle Public Utilities' Requirements for Water Service:
Director's Rule Adoption
and SEPA Determination of Non-Significance (DNS)**

Description of Proposal

Seattle Public Utilities proposes to revise current department policies on water-service connections and water availability in construction-permit applications and other requests. The department intends to consolidate the revisions into a single Director's Rule WTR 440, Requirements for Water Service.

The proposal is a non-project, non-site-specific action that would take effect throughout the Seattle Direct Water Service Area. The proposal is part of an ongoing process designed to improve water system infrastructure requirements administered by Seattle Public Utilities.

The objectives for adopting a new Director's Rule are:

- Document standard conditions and criteria for determining water system standards and requirements within Seattle's Direct Water Service Area;
- Strengthen and streamline definitions;
- Improve and clarify existing language that is currently located in several policies;
- Rescind the following policies/procedures:
 - [CS-101](#), Water Availability Certificate
 - [CS-102](#), Water Service within the Direct Service Area
- Combine and update applicable sections of CS-101 and 102 into the new rule WTR-440. Clarify and update requirements, such as
 - Water main extension requirements
 - Use of manifolds
 - Easement requirements

Proponent

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Location of Proposal

The geographic area affected by this proposed non-project action is mainly within the City of Seattle, Washington but includes areas outside of the City of Seattle that are within Seattle's Direct Water Service Area. The Direct Water Service Area has a land area of 90.5 square miles (234.4 square kilometers) and is located at latitude 47° 62' North and longitude 122° 33' West.

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.

Copies of the draft Director's Rule and the environmental checklist are available online at <http://www.seattle.gov/utilities/about/policies>

Public and Agency Comments

Comments on the draft Director's Rule must be submitted by October 29, 2020 and must be sent by email to:

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Comments on this DNS must be submitted by October 29, 2020 and must be sent by email to:

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Signature: _____
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Issue Date: October 15, 2020

Appeals

Appeals of this DNS must be accompanied by an \$85 filing fee and must be filed by 5:00 p.m. on November 5, 2020. Please see the Office of the Hearing Examiner web site for Temporary Operating Rules During COVID-19: <http://www.seattle.gov/hearing-examiner>