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SCL Van Dyke Easement and Well SUM
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BILL SUMMARY & FISCAL NOTE

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1. BILL SUMMARY

Legislation Title:

AN ORDINANCE relating to the City Light Department; declaring certain real property rights and improvements surplus to the City of Seattle's utility needs; and authorizing the release of an access easement and a permit for a groundwater observation well, and the conveyance of ownership of said groundwater well to James and Valerie Van Dyke in Pend Oreille County, Washington.

Summary: This legislation will declare as surplus and release an access easement and a permit to install a groundwater monitoring well, and transfer ownership of the groundwater well to the property owners, James and Valerie Van Dyke, in Pend Oreille County, Washington.

Background: Seattle City Light installed more than 40 ground water level monitoring wells in Pend Oreille County as part of the Boundary Dam licensing process in the 1950s and 1960s. The purpose of these wells was to study the dam reservoir's impact on ground water levels and the potential, if any, to flood local mines.

Information from these monitoring wells was collected for nearly 50 years and indicated no deleterious ground water level effects, and the monitoring wells are no longer needed. City Light is in the process of closing and decommissioning these wells. Any groundwater monitoring well which is unusable, abandoned, whose use has been permanently discontinued, or is in disrepair must be properly decommissioned as required by WAC 173-160-381.

James and Valerie Van Dyke requested that the monitoring well on their property (Groundwater Observation Well No CS-36) not be decommissioned and instead that the well be conveyed to them and agreed to take responsibility for any liabilities and regulatory responsibilities related to this well.

2. CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM

N/A This legislation creates, funds, or amends a CIP Project.

3. SUMMARY OF FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

X This legislation does not have direct financial implications.

4. OTHER IMPLICATIONS

- a) **Does the legislation have indirect or long-term financial impacts to the City of Seattle that are not reflected in the above?**
No.
- b) **Is there financial cost or other impacts of not implementing the legislation?**
City Light would incur the additional cost for closing and decommissioning this well.
- c) **Does this legislation affect any departments besides the originating department?**
No.
- d) **Is a public hearing required for this legislation?**
Yes. A public hearing is required pursuant to RCW 35.94.040.
- e) **Is publication of notice with *The Daily Journal of Commerce* and/or *The Seattle Times* required for this legislation?**
No.
- f) **Does this legislation affect a piece of property?**
Yes. See map attached.
- g) **Please describe any perceived implication for the principles of the Race and Social Justice Initiative. Does this legislation impact vulnerable or historically disadvantaged communities?**
No.
- h) **If this legislation includes a new initiative or a major programmatic expansion: What are the long-term and measurable goals of the program? Please describe how this legislation would help achieve the program's desired goals.**
N/A
- i) **Other Issues:**
None.

List attachments below:

Attachment A: Map of Easement and Permit Areas