

# Transforming the Northwest Energy System NWESS 2026



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**Speaker:** Andra Flaherty, PE (Snohomish County PUD)

**Title:** Panel Session – Challenges for new transmission line routing, push back from the public, to meet load growth

**Abstract:**

**Bio:** Andra Flaherty is the Senior Manager of Transmission & Distribution Design Engineering at Snohomish County PUD. She began her career at the PUD as an intern in 2007 and joined the organization full time in 2012 as part of the Customer Engineering group.

Andra later moved to Distribution Engineering Services, where she progressed to Lead Engineer overseeing the Underground Cables, Depreciated Poles, Relocations, and Control Zone programs. In 2023, she was selected to lead the Transmission & Standards Engineering department, and in 2025 she was promoted to her current Senior Manager role.

In this role, Andra has broad responsibility for the feasibility, constructability, and implementation of line engineering and design projects.