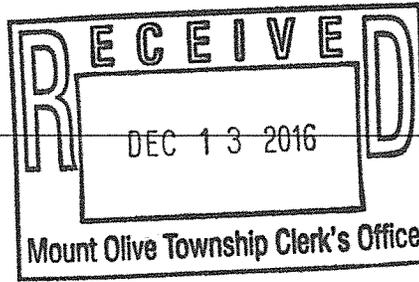


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**Re: Notification of Planned Transmission Line Work: Pohatcong to Mt. Freedom**

Dear Sir / Madam:

You have been identified as a property owner with JCP&L, a FirstEnergy company, transmission line right-of-way crossing your property. These transmission lines provide power to thousands of electric customers and are vital reliability links with other utilities. Maintaining transmission line rights-of-way that are free of incompatible vegetation is necessary to provide safe and reliable electric service.

The purpose of this letter is to notify you that vegetation management work is planned for your property in 2017. A professional tree company has been contracted to perform the vegetation management work. Your cooperation in accomplishing this important task will be greatly appreciated, particularly when it comes to not interfering with the access for the tree professionals in order to inspect the structures and complete the maintenance work that is identified.

Federal and state regulations require FirstEnergy companies and other operators to properly maintain transmission lines in order to provide for the safe and reliable operation of the transmission system. This requires reliability inspections and routine vegetation maintenance. Vegetation maintenance practices involve identifying tall-growing, woody stemmed vegetation and trees located within the transmission rights-of-way and removing those that interfere or may potentially interfere with the operation of the transmission facilities. Trees adjacent to the right-of-way that are unhealthy, leaning, or significantly encroaching the corridor also could be targeted for removal.

FirstEnergy company's comprehensive vegetation management program involves multiple widely used forestry procedures and techniques to safely and effectively maintain the transmission line rights-of-way.

As part of the vegetation management process, tree company work planners use special symbols. For example, red hash marks "=" identify the edge of the right-of-way; trees to be removed are marked with a red "X"; and trees to be pruned are identified with a red vertical line "I."

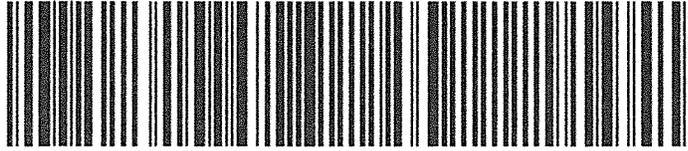
Healthy trees along the edge with limbs encroaching the right-of-way may be pruned back using a method known as "Ground to Sky" pruning. This work is accomplished manually by tree crews or mechanically using a helicopter equipped with an aerial saw. Branches that fall onto access roads, maintained yard areas, agricultural fields or in streams during the manual or aerial pruning operation will be cleaned up, or moved to adjacent wooded areas by ground crews shortly after the pruning is performed.

The stumps/stubble of the cleared vegetation will be treated with an EPA-registered herbicide to minimize re-sprouting and root suckering that typically follows mechanical removal. Nearly 60 years of university and industry research has shown that herbicide use on rights-of-way can create optimum plant and wildlife habitats. Ultimately, using herbicides to target specific vegetation results in power line corridors that are clear of tall, fast-growing vegetation, with no effect on adjacent or nearby properties.

Herbicides also may be applied directly to the leaves or stems of smaller woody-stemmed vegetation. This control method may be applied in several ways. A ground application where personnel use either backpack sprayers, or ATV's and truck-mounted equipment can be used to apply herbicides along fence rows, tower bases, and other light density brush areas

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