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Ms. Marla Eddy
Forestry Section
Madison Parks Department
1402 Wingra Creek Parkway
Madison WI 53715

Subject: Permit for Utility Line Clearance Operations

Dear Ms. Eddy:

Madison Gas and Electric Company (MGE) hereby applies for a permit to conduct utility line clearance operations including pruning and removal of trees in the public right-of-way of any street, alley, or highway under the jurisdiction of the City of Madison.

MGE has an obligation to perform tree trimming under Chapter PSC 114 of the Wisconsin Administrative Code. This code adopts the National Electric Safety Code for Wisconsin which provides in Section 218 that trees interfering with ungrounded electric supply conductors must be trimmed or removed. MGE is required by Chapter PSC 114, adopting this code, to maintain tree-trimming services to prevent serious safety hazards caused by trees becoming intertwined with the electrical conductor.

Each tree located in the public right-of-way will be evaluated to determine whether pruning or removal is needed to protect utility lines. Pruning operations will be conducted with the intent of providing four years of clearance from regrowth. MGE and its contractors will prune or remove trees in accordance with the American National Standards Institute (ANSI) A300 and ANSI Z133.1 tree care operations and in accordance with the written guidelines and directives of the City Forester.

Utility line clearance operations will be conducted following the tree board approval. The areas within the city of Madison projected to be affected by line clearance operations are listed by street name and block numbers. See Exhibit 1.

Sincerely,

Scott D. Nelson
Forester

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