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Subject: FW: Madison Gas and Electric Company (MGE) Permit for Utility Line Clearance Pruning and Removal in the Public Right-of-Way

Habitat Stewardship Subcommittee Members,
Please see the communication and attached application from Madison Gas and Electric to conduct utility line clearance operations within the City of Madison. This has been prepared with feedback provided by City of Madison Forestry staff. Please let me know if you have any questions.

Thank you,
Ian Brown



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The following is being sent to you on behalf of Tim Meisenheimer at MGE. Please contact Tim should you have any questions or concerns.

Dear Mr. Brown:

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, highway, or other area under the jurisdiction of the City of Madison.

MGE has an obligation to perform tree pruning 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 pruned or removed. MGE is

required by Chapter PSC 114, adopting this code, to maintain vegetation management 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 assessed to determine necessary pruning dosage to achieve five years of regrowth clearance. MGE Forestry representatives will contact City Forestry if their limited visual assessment indicates a hazard tree may be present; all hazard trees will be discussed with City Forestry before work begins.

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 operation standards and in accordance with the written guidelines and directives of the City Forester.

Line clearance pruning of City trees in the affected areas will begin following the approval of the Habitat Stewardship Subcommittee and City Forester. The affected areas within the City of Madison proposed for line clearance operations are listed by street name and block numbers. See Exhibit 1.

Sincerely,

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