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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, 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 carefully assessed to determine pruning needs. MGE Forestry representatives will contact City Forestry if previously unknown conditions exist in which a tree may require a removal evaluation. Further, MGE will submit construction project-specific plans where clearance needs are greater than our past Line Clearance maintenance pruning.

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