

February 3, 2010

Mr. Charles Paquelet
11849 Northcrest St. N.W.
Massillon, Ohio 44647

Dear Mr. Paquelet:

As an electrical utility, The Ohio Edison Company is obligated under state law to provide safe and reliable electricity to our customers. In order to do so we must actively keep our lines free from hindrances. It has come to our attention that trees and other vegetation in your area are interfering, or will be interfering in the near future, with our lines. Therefore, we will be trimming and removing that vegetation in the near future.

Under Ohio law, a utility may appropriate property, "... including any trees ... as is deemed necessary for the erection, operation, or *maintenance of* cables, wires, and other necessary structures... or for rights of way over such land and adjacent lands for the purpose of access to any part of such land." Ohio Revised Code Ann. §4933.15. The wires in question have been present on your property for many years. Since that time The Ohio Edison Company or a subsidiary has, as needed, pruned and removed incompatible vegetation. Our present need to prune and remove vegetation is a continuation of that activity.

The Ohio Edison Company utilizes industry approved pruning and removal techniques and will make every effort to use commercially reasonable standards in conjunction with the approved American National Standards Institute vegetation management specification manual to achieve the needed safety and reliability of our lines and service. A tree crew will be dispatched to perform the work on or after week of February 15, 2010.

We of course appreciate your cooperation in helping ensure the uninterrupted transmission and distribution of electric service to your community. If you have any further questions please feel free to contact me at 330.436.4159.

Tara Weckerly



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