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Ralph A. LaRossa - President & C.O.O.  
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Re: Vegetation Management Standards 14:5-9

Dear Mr. LaRossa:

As a result of the final Board adoption of 14:5-9 titled Vegetation Management (VM) on Friday February 8, 2008, this letter will clarify the Board's expectations going forward.

VM activities shall proceed as directed in 14:5-9 except under the following circumstances:

- If an Electric Distribution Company (EDC) petitions the Board for an exemption under 14:5-9.6(d) based upon exigent circumstances;
- For a 90 day period starting from the date of this letter, the EDCs are asked to curtail VM transmission activities in the following municipalities which have expressed concerns related to tree trimming, pending staffs review and reporting to the Board.

Raritan Twp
Readington
Tewksbury
Upper Saddle River
Bridgewater
Cedar Grove
Linden
Mt Olive
Colts Neck
Sayreville

If an EDC determines that the safety or reliability of any part of the electrical transmission or distribution system would be compromised by this directive, then the EDC shall notify the Board's Executive Director or his designee and proceed with appropriate VM activities to eliminate the concern.

This does not pertain to VM Activities for transmission lines that are rated at a nominal value of 69kv and less. At the discretion of the Vegetation Manager they may be treated as exempt from the transmission VM as defined in 14:5-9.2 "An electric Transmission line usually has a rating exceeding 69 kilovolts."

We also request that you determine an appropriate VM program for your company that reflects the regulations of NERC and the IEEE which allow consideration of local conditions. If you believe that any part of the recently adopted Board regulations unnecessarily require measures for Transmission maintenance beyond those required by the NERC or the IEEE, please provide your comments on this issue by no later than Monday, March 3, 2008, at which time we will schedule a meeting to review your filings.

Should you have further questions regarding this matter, please feel free to contact Executive Director Victor Fortkiewicz at (973) 648-4852.

Sincerely,



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