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Ms. Dale,

The following is the proposed Electrical Corporation Vegetation Management Standards and reporting requirements, due August 15, 2007.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact our City Administrator, Steven F. Garrett.

Thank you,

Kim DeMoss
Executive Secretary

August 14, 2007

Before the Missouri Public Service Commission
4 CSR 240-23.030 Electrical Corporation Vegetation Management Standards and Reporting Requirements

In the matter of rulemaking to adopt)	Comments of:
permanent rules in 4 CSR 240-23.030)	City of Webb City, Mo
regarding electrical corporation vegetation)	
management standards and reporting)	
requirements)	

PSC Case No. EX-2007-0214

Please accept this letter as Webb City, Missouri comments concerning the proposed Electrical Corporation Vegetation Management Standards and Reporting Requirements rule (4 CSR 240-23.030) as published in the *Missouri Register*, dated July 16, 2007.

The Missouri Public Service Commission (Commission), Missouri public utilities and Missouri's Citizens all have a vested interest in the provision of safe, reliable, and economical power supply. Webb City believes that an appropriately crafted vegetation management rule could potentially have a very positive influence on the furthering of this interest for all concerned.

Tree trimming can be a very personal and political issue within our community. To date, there has not been an opportunity for our community to participate or comment in the Vegetation Management rulemaking process. This commission has commonly utilized work shops and technical conferences prior to the publication of rule proposals as a way to vet proposed rules with relevant stakeholders such as the Office of the Public Counsel, consumer groups, industry representatives, other agencies and the Commission's own Staff.

Webb City believes a workshop approach has merit. It provides a forum for the Commission to receive information from a variety of perspectives and to take this information into account in crafting rules. Even if proposed rules are not modified as a result of this process, it provides a forum whereby those subject to the rules (in this case electric corporations and their customers) may gain a greater understanding of the intent of specific provisions.

We ask that you not finalize these rules until such time as workshops are held to get input from all affected parties.

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