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Hydro One - Forestry Maintenance Program

Dear Mr. /Mrs. _____, 2016

Approximately half of those annoying and costly interruptions of electrical service are caused by trees and brush interfering with power lines. To minimize these outages and reduce potential safety hazards to the public, Hydro One Forestry Services must control vegetation in the proximity of the hydro lines.

This letter is notification that right-of way maintenance is scheduled for the section of line in which your property is located. Please contact me if you have more than one property in the area and require clarification where the work is to be performed. **Tenants are asked to forward this letter to the property owner.** This service is restricted to the main hydro line. Home or cottage service lines are considered the customers' responsibility.

The work will be completed in two stages:

- **First**, will be the removal or treatment of non-compatible brush (under 4 inches (10 cm) diameter at a height of 4 feet (1.22 metres) located on the Hydro right-of-way by manual means. Effort will be made to retain compatible species such as sumac, dogwood, and lilac wherever possible.
- **Secondly**, will be the pruning of branches away from power lines and the removal of any dead or hazardous trees. **If a tree(s) are removed, all wood generated from the tree will be left on your property.**

A low volume, backpack herbicide application will be utilized to control the suckering of incompatible brush that could grow from the stumps of cut trees or brush removed manually. The cut stumps are treated with **Garlon RTU (Registration #29334)** which is a federally and provincially accepted herbicide for use in Ontario.

In the maintained areas, parks and roadside locations the brush will be chipped and cleaned up. In semi kept or "wild" the brush may be treated "standing" and left, alternatively it may be piled and flattened on site along the right of way.

If you have any questions regarding the work planned for your area, please contact me on my cell phone, number 1-519-820-0866. If you wish, I can also be reached via email at gary.topham@HydroOne.com to address any of your concerns or comments.

Sincerely,

Gary W Topham
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