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Dear Neighbor,

American Transmission Co. contacted you by mail last June 2013 to make you aware of plans to conduct vegetation management in the transmission line right-of-way that passes through portions of Oak Creek, Cudahy and St. Francis. Our records show that this high-voltage power line crosses your property. Although this forestry work was originally scheduled for last summer and fall, a decision was made to delay this work for approximately one year. We are now scheduling utility forestry crews to begin this work in the late summer and fall timeframe.

If forestry work was identified on your property during last year's right-of-way evaluation, you would have received a subsequent contact from a work planning coordinator from Davey Resource Group in the form of an in-person visit or a door hanger. This second contact would have included a description and a copy of the work plan for your property. Although tree pruning and/or removals may not be necessary on your property during this upcoming cycle, we want you to be aware that you may observe utility forestry crews from Nelson Tree Service working in the area. If you're not sure about what work may be planned on your property, please contact Ben Gura at 262-832-8704 or me at 262-506-6922.

ATC is responsible for the periodic maintenance of the right-of-way. By managing the trees, brush and woody vegetation around our facilities, we can help ensure that vegetation does not compromise public safety or the reliability of the electric transmission line and equipment.

Industry practices for vegetation management have become more extensive during the past several years as a result of several transmission grid outages that were caused by interference with trees and vegetation. Outages on transmission lines are much more serious than those on local distribution lines because tens of thousands of electricity users can be impacted by an outage on a single transmission line. ATC's practices for our high-voltage lines align with the forestry rights granted in the easements. In the past, exceptions have been made to our legal rights where a practice of trimming and pruning, rather than removal, was used to achieve adequate clearances between power lines and trees. This approach has not been effective or acceptable in preventing outages or unsafe conditions on facilities. Today, our approach to maintenance eliminates all threats to the reliable and safe operation of our facilities. A right-of-way free of trees and woody vegetation is the most prudent approach to helping to ensure reliable, dependable service for everyone.

Whether or not work is planned on your property, we encourage you to consider low-growing, compatible vegetation within the transmission line right-of-way. I have attached a planting guide that identifies vegetation we consider compatible with our facilities. Please be assured that we understand the impact that right-of-way maintenance has on property owners. Your cooperation is appreciated.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Mary Carpenter". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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