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Daniel Ruzick  
Township Supervisor  
24821 Front Ave  
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Dear Daniel:

Midwest Energy & Communications is a member-owned utility providing electric distribution service to more than 35,000 consumers in 11 counties in southern Michigan and northern Indiana and Ohio.

Our chief goal and priority is to provide RELIABLE and SAFE electricity to our members, and to do so requires a highly-complex and intricate distribution system. This requires an intense amount of capital in the form of equipment, as well as an aggressive approach to maintenance to ensure that equipment consistently performs. Everything we do, from new construction projects to right-of-way clearance, is strategically designed and implemented to provide a reliable and safe system of electricity.

Trees are among the most common causes of power outages, so we have a very comprehensive program in place to manage trees and brush. We follow a strategic, planned and consistent line clearance approach, cutting a ground-to-sky path of 15 feet along each side of the power line as recommended by the United States Department of Agriculture – Rural Utilities Service.

We have started a line clearance project within your township, and we want you to know in case you get questions from township residents. All Midwest Energy & Communications members who will be impacted by this will be contacted by phone and mail and alerted to alternatives available at their cost.

If you have specific questions about our program, or where or when we will be cutting, please feel free to contact me at 800-492-5989 Ext. 1026.

Sincerely,

Steve Stange  
Line Clearance and Design Manager