

Re: Notification Required Under 220 ILCS 5/8-505.1

To Whom It May Concern:

ComEd intends to perform vegetation management activities on several distribution circuits within the next few months. The vegetation management activities are a key component of ComEd's maintenance program to ensure system electrical reliability, as vegetation contact with ComEd equipment is the leading cause of outages.

In accordance with applicable statutory requirements, ComEd is required to place on file with each municipality a map (see attached) of the area affected by the vegetation management activities.

Please be aware that ComEd has notified any affected customers and property owners with (i) a statement of the vegetation management activities planned, (ii) the address of a website and a toll free telephone number at which a written disclosure of all dispute resolution opportunities and processes, rights, and remedies provided by the electric public utility may be obtained, (iii) a statement that the customer and the property owner may appeal the planned vegetation management activities through the electric public utility and the Illinois Commerce Commission, (iv) a toll-free telephone number through which communication may be had with a representative of the electric public utility regarding the vegetation management activities, and (v) the telephone number of the Consumer Affairs Officer of the Illinois Commerce Commission. The notice also stated that maps of the affected areas by the vegetation management activities are on file at the local municipal or county office. A sample copy of this postcard (see attached) is also included with this letter.

We recognize that our vegetation management activities sometimes create concern by your residents because trees near our electrical wires are significantly trimmed or sometimes require removal. Qualified line-clearance workers contracted by ComEd will be performing the tree pruning work. Supervisors and General Foremen will be in close contact with the crews, ensuring that the work is performed properly. Additionally, we are strong advocates of proactive efforts to ensure that only appropriate vegetation is planted near our facilities, and our easement and leases usually specify vegetation restrictions. Trees that grow greater than 20 feet, for example Maple, Elm and Spruce, should never be planted under or near distribution power lines. At full height, these trees could contact lines and cause a power outage or create a safety issue. On the other hand, small trees and bushes that grow to heights less than 20 feet, for example Dogwoods or Crabapples, can often be planted near distribution power lines. For more information about vegetation maintenance along power lines and ComEd's "Right Tree, Right Place" program, please visit: <http://www.comed.com/Trees>

Please contact me at (779) 231-0140 if you have any questions or if I can be of assistance to you in any other way.

Sincerely,

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