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Supervisor Daniel Depew
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Dear Supervisor Depew:

At Orange and Rockland Utilities we're working hard to ensure that our electric distribution lines are properly maintained. Because interference from tree limbs is the single most frequent cause of power outages, periodic tree maintenance along overhead electric distribution wires is critically important in reducing potential power outages.

We'll soon be conducting such work in the Town of Wallkill and I want to keep you informed of our planned activities.

As you may know, distribution lines carry electricity from the overhead lines along the streets to homes and businesses. To reduce the danger and inconvenience associated with power outages, our Distribution Line Clearance Program calls for us to cut back trees that are touching lines or which have the potential to interfere with the wires. At the same time, we remove dead trees and underbrush. Our work crews will make every effort to be in and out of the area as quickly as possible. Since this type of work is now performed on a four-year cycle, any neighborhood included this year won't be visited again for routine upkeep (except in emergencies) for approximately four years.

We want you to know our current schedule for distribution line tree maintenance. Beginning on or about January 10, 2013, and continuing for approximately four (4) weeks, we'll perform tree trimming and removal work along the following streets: Pocatello Road, County Road 78, Webber Road, Pilgrim Corners Road, Whipple Road and associated side streets. Nelson Tree Service, under our supervision, has been contracted for this purpose.

We will, of course, notify you immediately if this schedule changes or if further distribution line clearance work is necessary. If you have any questions, or if I can be of assistance, please call me at 845-344-8882.

Sincerely,

Eric D. Fuentes
Manager – Public Affairs

cc: John Lippert, Commissioner of Public Works