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Dear Judge Poon -

The Marion County Alliance of Neighborhood Associations is an independent 501(c)3 non-partisan alliance of neighborhood organizations and is primarily concerned with broad-based neighborhood issues that do or could impact residential communities of Marion County. Founded in 1990, McANA supports Neighborhood Empowerment at the grass roots level by providing information, advice, and materials to neighborhood-based organizations, and assisting them with their local issues and by working to lend the voice of the neighborhoods to those issues that may have county wide implications.

Having been very involved in residents concerns and complaints about the tree trimming practices and abuses by Indianapolis Power and Light over the last several years, we are writing to urge you to incorporate the detailed recommendations and amendments to **170 IAC 4-9 as proposed by the** Indiana Tree Alliance as part of the final rule concerning utility procedures for tree trimming and obtaining easements. We believe the position taken by the Indiana Tree Alliance is a result of exhaustive research into and documentation of past practices that have caused substantial property damage and have discouraged citizens about engaging in self-governance and defending their property rights. We further believe that the tree-trimming policies practiced by many of the utility companies in recent years have caused unnecessary and irreversible damage to our community's tree canopy and environment, property values and residents' peaceful enjoyment of their homes and properties. We believe the recommendations of the Indiana Tree Alliance can help restore a reasonable balance between the rights of property owners and the need to protect services provided by utility companies.

We very much appreciate the opportunity to have our views considered in this matter.

Sincerely,

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