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Dear Judge Poon -

Although I contacted you previously about incorporating the recommendations of the Indiana Tree Alliance into the proposed rule 170 IAC 4-9, I am wearing a different hat now, as a private citizen. Many years ago, prior to the time ACS purchased Indianapolis Power and Light, I had the opportunity to work with IPL when they wanted to construct a new substation in Franklin Township, where I live and own a business and where I have served (as a volunteer) as the Land Use and Zoning Chair for the Franklin Township Civic League.

During our dealings with IPL, they made a very concentrated effort to engage citizens of the township in determining the feasibility of the originally planned site. After many meetings, IPL worked to identify an alternate site that was more acceptable to the community and that would still fulfill IPL's needs. The substation has since become operational and has posed no problems due to IPL's willingness to work with the community.

As the high power transmission lines were installed through the township, IPL continued to notify the community prior to installation and we appreciated their continued efforts to work with the community rather than "dictating" how construction and operation would begin.

I can also report that in recent years, the power company has trimmed trees along the street for my business and has left debris for a period of time enough that we finally had to dispose of it and bring in a scythe to clear the weeds that grew up around the trimmed limbs.

We are hopeful that by including the recommendations of the Indiana Tree Alliance into the new rule, that we can see a restored sense of cooperation between the residents of Indiana and the power companies that serve.

Thank You,  
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