



City of Austin

## Austin Energy

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December 3, 2019

Mr. Bryan Finley  
PO Box 170297  
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Mr. Finley:

Austin Energy will be working in your neighborhood, Neigh. Assn. of SW Williamson County, pruning, and if necessary, removing potentially hazardous trees from near the high-voltage electric transmission lines. This work along the transmission lines is routine, scheduled, vegetation maintenance. As a courtesy, we are notifying the appropriate neighborhood associations to provide information related to this work.

These transmission lines are critical links in moving electricity from Austin Energy power plants to our substations, and ultimately into your neighborhood. Austin Energy transmission lines can be identified as the high-voltage electric cables on the tall metal or wooden poles, well above the familiar electric lines on standard utility poles that distribute electricity throughout your neighborhood to individual homes and businesses. Only a limited number of properties, located along the transmission line(s) and easements in your neighborhood, may be affected.

Work planners will evaluate each property to determine if tree work is necessary, and if work is required, they will make every effort to contact each property owner to discuss the proposed work. Our Contract notifiers and Austin Energy staff will work with each property owner to outline the work to be performed on their property. The property owner will receive a written Vegetation Work Plan (VWP) documenting the proposed work near the transmission lines on their property.

Federal and State regulations and the National Electric Safety Code require Austin Energy to maintain our transmission lines in a manner to ensure safe and reliable operation of these high-voltage lines. All tree work will be performed by our contractor, Asplundh Tree, under supervision of Certified Arborists from Austin Energy and Asplundh.

Our intent is to maintain the high-voltage transmission facilities in your neighborhood in a responsible manner to maintain a safe and reliable transmission system.

If you or any of your neighbors have any questions about the proposed tree work or any tree replacements for individual properties affected, you may contact me at (512) 322-6931 (office). Thank you for your cooperation.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "CS".

Carl Schattenberg, CF  
Utility Forester - Transmission  
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