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May 1, 2009

Mr. Michael Fowler
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Dear Mr. Fowler:

Thank you for meeting with the Bowie City Council on April 21st to discuss the City's concerns regarding the Bowie Electric Reliability Action Plan. We appreciate your willingness to consider our concerns and make reasonable adjustments to this program without hampering the end goal of improved electric dependability in Bowie.

Below is our understanding of the commitments made by BGE at this meeting and the areas of continued concern on behalf of the City:

1. For trees in Zone C, while BGE would still like to remove all trees less than eight inches in diameter at DBH and within 20 feet of the outside conductor with the property owner's consent, if trees in Zone C having the above characteristics will not create a problem during the four-year growth cycle until the next trimming, BGE will leave these trees if the owner does not wish to have these removed. BGE will make every effort to communicate this option to the homeowner when discussing tree removal on their property.
2. Regarding Front Yard Pole Installation, BGE has reduced the number of poles that will be relocated to front yard areas to 64 poles in total. City Council does not wish for any additional poles to be relocated in front yard areas over what has already been installed. BGE will revisit this issue to determine if additional poles required for front yard installation can be eliminated and report back to the City Council prior to the PSC meeting scheduled for May 6, 2009.
3. BGE will provide 2008 performance data comparing City of Bowie relative performance to the other feeders in the BGE system to the City.
4. BGE will extend the date for submitting tree vouchers until May 31, 2010 for all residents eligible for tree vouchers, regardless of the time when BGE removed their trees associated with the BERAP program.

5. BGE has agreed to breakout hardwood trees from softwood trees in future tree removal reports.
6. BGE will look at ways to better match the seed mix with existing yards associated with the underground installation program.

While we appreciate the progress exhibited by BGE at this meeting, we cannot emphasize enough our desire to have no further front yard pole replacements as a part of this project. We recognize the arguments that you have put forth for the need for front yard pole replacements. However, the aesthetic impact on the City is extremely adverse and we feel that continued compromises need to be made by BGE in this regard.

Again, thank you for your willingness to meet to discuss this issue. Also, thank you for the commitment BGE is making to improve electric reliability in the City.

Sincerely,

Bowie City Council
G. Frederick Robinson
Mayor

cc: Steve Woerner, Senior Vice President, BGE
Douglas R. M. Nazarian, Chairman of the Public Service Commission