



January 20, 2014

**Re: Tree crews along transmission lines in your neighborhood**

Dear Customer:

Tampa Electric is committed to providing reliable, cost-effective electricity to you and your neighbors in Hillsborough and Polk counties. I would like to share information with you about an ongoing project in your community.

Tampa Electric and other utilities across the country are working to ensure we meet new, stricter reliability standards of the North American Electric Reliability Corporation (NERC).

You may remember that in August 2011, Tampa Electric had a low-flying helicopter conduct Light Detection and Ranging (LiDAR) aerial surveys along the company's high-voltage power lines – including a line in this area.

Crews are now returning to this area to trim or clear trees as needed, to ensure our high-voltage power lines continue to operate safely and reliably. In the next few months, you may see bucket trucks, tractors and other heavy equipment, as tree crews work on the ground and in the trees along Tampa Electric's rights of way during daylight hours, primarily on weekdays.

If you have additional questions about this work, please feel free to contact me by e-mail at [axjones@tecoenergy.com](mailto:axjones@tecoenergy.com) or by phone at (813) 309-2579.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Arlee Jones".

Arlee Jones  
Project Manager  
Tampa Electric