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Dear Homeowner:

Palmetto Electric needs your help. Landscaping around electrical equipment has become a real problem in our service area and your community is one of many about which we're particularly concerned. Our policies and easements define the clearance boundaries for all of our electrical equipment. Most equipment has stickers asking that plants not be placed directly in front of the access doors. Unfortunately, we continue to come across situations where landscaping violates these boundaries. The distances are standard to the electric utility industry and were established to enable our crews to work safely and efficiently.

Beginning October 1, 2011, Palmetto Electric crews will be in Sawmill Forest inspecting our facilities to identify deteriorating equipment and potential hazards. At that time, it will be necessary for us to enter our equipment and remove any obstructions that prevent clear access. Obstructions include trees, shrubs, fences, and other items that may be located directly in front of the electric equipment.

Landscaping is an investment and we respect the time and effort that you've put into making your property attractive. That is why we are notifying you in advance of our work in your area. We want you to have time to remove or relocate the obstructions from around our transformers and pedestals to another location on your property. Please see the reverse side for planting examples.

Any obstructions remaining after October 1st will be subject to removal. Plants growing into established boundaries will be trimmed back to allow safe access to our electrical equipment.

Palmetto Electric remains committed to providing you with safe reliable electric service at a fair and reasonable cost. Please contact me at 843-208-5530 if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

PALMETTO ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE, INC.

Robert J. Casavant, P.E.
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