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December 19, 2007

Director of Engineering
KY Public Service Commission
PO Box 615
Frankfort KY 40602

Re: Administrative Case No. 2006-00494

Dear Director:

In accordance with the Commission's Order of October 26, 2007 in the above-numbered case, enclosed is the Vegetation Management Plan of Salt River Electric Cooperative Corporation.

If you have questions or require further information, please contact me at (502) 350-1605.

Sincerely,

Tim Sharp, P.E.

Tim Shays

Vice President of Operations

Enclosure



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## **VEGETATION MANAGEMENT PLAN**

Right of Way Management

Salt River Electric recognizes that vegetation management along utility Right of Ways is extremely important to the overall reliability of the electrical system. Properly maintained Right of Ways will minimize the occurrence of interruptions and additionally will not hinder the restoration process should an outage occur. Salt River Electric also understands that properly maintained Right of Ways is necessary to ensure public safety. In addition, the maintained of Right of Ways will help to decrease system losses and increase productivity of the utility.

Salt River Electric has used a vast knowledge of experience in developing the vegetation management plan. Industry standards have been consulted in the development of this plan along with professional forestry personnel. The plan is periodically reviewed using a combination of reliability indices, including SAIFI & SAIDI, and all relevant experience that has been gained to ensure that the vegetation management plan is current for our needs.

In accordance with our current plan, Salt River Electric will strive to adhere to the following guidelines whenever possible with the understanding that these can be adjusted as deemed necessary by management.

- 1. Salt River Electric will plan on trimming Right of Ways on a four-year cycle.
- 2. Salt River Electric will trim to ANSI A300 standards when possible.
- 3. Three Phase lines will be trimmed to a width of 30 feet where possible.
- 4. Single Phase lines will be trimmed to a width of 20 feet where possible.
- 5. Services will be trimmed to be able to swing clear of trees where possible.
- 6. Herbicide application will be used to treat brush in the year following the trimming where possible.
- 7. All efforts will be made to remove rather than trim problem trees where possible.
- 8. Salt River Electric or a designee will attempt to contact customers prior to trimming Right of Ways on their property.
- 9. Salt River Electric or a designee will respond to customer requests to determine the best means of action for issues that fall outside of the normal rotation.
- 10. Salt River Electric will do routine maintenance inspections of the system and any vegetation management issues that fall outside of the normal cycle will be addressed as needed.

Salt River Electric understands that customer satisfaction is vital to all of its members. With that in mind, Salt River Electric personnel or their designee have the option to deviate from the above set of guidelines when they believe that the request is reasonable and in the best interest of all parties. Salt River Electric will not honor requests that are deemed unreasonable and which may jeopardize safety or reliability.

Salt River Electric will annually evaluate the vegetation management plan to determine its effectiveness. Reliability indices will be used along with personnel observations and experiences to ensure that the vegetation management plan is meeting our needs.

