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Dear SIEC Member:

Evidence for the need to control growth of vegetation along power line right-of-way is easy to see in many rural areas.

Overgrown right-of-way can cause problems during severe weather and can make it difficult to reach trouble spots to make repairs.

In a continuing effort to control brush growth, Southern Iowa Electric Cooperative has hired contractors to cut and trim trees in the Christianburg and Ottumwa substation areas. As most of you are aware, Contractors were in these areas during 2008 and 2009. The Contractors will be performing maintenance trimming and mowing, removing re-growth vegetation and other areas that may have been previously missed, as we try to improve system reliability, provide a safer work environment, a more accessible right-of-way to the Cooperative's facilities and to maintain clearance of brush and tree limbs from the power lines. **Generally, the contractors will be trimming up to 20 to 25 feet each side of pole centerline and removing any "danger" trees that may be a potential threat to the power lines. Yard trees will be reviewed separately and a determination will be made on the best course of action for those trees. The contractors will also be mowing and brush cutting underneath the power lines. In most cases, you should expect to see less vegetation cut and removed than in 2008 and 2009, depending on the re-growth activity in your area. You should also expect delays on clean up work depending upon the weather conditions.** For additional information please visit our website at www.sie.coop or give us a call at 800-607-2027.

The Contractors working in your area will make an attempt to contact all landowners, either personally or with the use of a "door hanger" in advance of cutting in your area. If no response is given after a good faith effort to contact you, the Contractors will proceed with their trimming activities as required. Please respond if you are contacted by a Contractor or your Cooperative as soon as possible. Contractors are scheduled to begin working in the very near future and throughout the 2012 calendar year. Any questions or concerns with Contractors in your area should be directed to the Cooperative.

Sincerely,

Jeremy Wilcox, COO

