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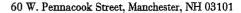
Planning Board Town of Durham 15 Newmarket Road Durham, NH 03824

Dear Planning Board Members:

This letter is to inform the Town of Durham that Public Service of New Hampshire is planning to trim and remove trees and brush adjacent to and beneath some of its power lines within the town. This work is necessary to insure the safe distribution of power and to improve the reliability of electric service for our customers

According to PSNH records, Bennett Road, Durham Point Road, and Bay Road have been designated as scenic roads by the Town. Please consider this letter a request from PSNH for a public hearing for the trimming and removal of trees and brush along this road within the proposed work area pursuant to RSA 231:158. Please inform this office of the time and place of said meeting so that we may have a representative present. A map highlighting the area to be trimmed is enclosed.

PSNH specifications call for the removal of brush and limbs 6" in diameter which are located within eight feet to the side, ten feet below or fifteen above conductors. Larger trees or limbs which present a threat to PSNH lines or other equipment because of decay or other defect will be removed on a case by case basis. A list of failure prone trees identified for removal by PSNH has been included. All trees are marked with a blue/white checkered ribbon. I am available to conduct a "walk-down" of all locations where trees have been identified for removal, if necessary.





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All work will be performed in accordance with accepted arboricultural standards. PSNH has contracted with Asplundh Tree Expert to perform the actual clearing of trees. PSNH requires that our clearing contractor contact each landowner where trees are to be trimmed or removed prior to commencement of work on that property. Individual concerns will be addressed at this time.

All brush and limbs cut on roadside locations will be chipped. In wooded, undeveloped locations, these chips may be dispersed into the woods taking care not to allow chips to accumulate in piles or in ditches. Near developed land, the chips will be blown into a truck and disposed of off site. The chips make good mulch and are often given to nearby property owners for landscaping purposes. If a central dumping location could be arranged, PSNH would be happy to make any unclaimed chips available to the Town at no cost. Brush and limbs cut on inaccessible lines will be stacked to the side of the right-of way and cut low to the ground. All wood will be left on site unless otherwise directed by the landowner.

Work is scheduled to begin in the near future.

If you have any questions or comments, please feel free to contact me at the above address, by telephone at 603-634-3469 or by e-mail at Robert.Berner@nu.com.

Thank you for your concern and assistance.

Robert J. Berner

Respectfully

Eastern Region Arborist Public Service Co. of N.H.



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## Failure Prone Trees identified for possible removal

## **Located along Scenic Roads in the Town of Durham**

Bay/Durham Point Rd.

Pole

21/38-39 declining ash

21/39-40 dead pine, opposite side of road

21/53-54 declining maple, 1' from phase

21/60 declining maple, 1' from phase

21/63-64 previously topped oak

21/64-64x 12" hollow oak

21/92-92Y clump of dead elms 6"

21/104-105 dead maple

Bennett Rd.

Pole

64/9-8 Twin lead oak, pushing on phase

64/7-6 cherry with large cavity

<sup>\*\*</sup> all trees have been identified with blue/white checkered ribbon