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**RE: Case Nos. PU-10-612, PU-10-613, PU-11-232 and PU-11-606
Tree and Shrub Mitigation**

As part of the Certification Relating to Order Provisions – Tree and Shrub Mitigation Specifications that the Company signed in each of these cases, there is a provision that states:

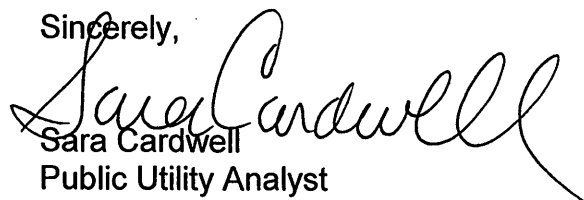
Tree and shrub replacements shall be inspected once a year for three years, on or about the anniversary of the plantings, and, on or shortly before October 1 of each year, a report shall be submitted to the Commission documenting the condition of replacement planting and any woodlands work completed. If after three years from the anniversary of the plantings the survival rate is less than 75%, the Commission may order additional planting(s).

The Company chose to combine the planting efforts on the above named cases. As per information provided by the Company in each of these cases, the plantings were to occur in the spring of 2014. In 2015, the Company reported that a total of 1,869 trees were planted. In late 2015, the Company reported a 91 percent survival rating. No report was filed in 2016 to demonstrate that the Company has the required 75% survival requirement.

Please forward your response within 30 days indicating the status of the Company's tree and shrub mitigation efforts.

If you have any questions regarding this letter, please contact me at 701-328-4153.

Sincerely,


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