



The National Arbor Day Foundation

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We help people plant and care for trees.™

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Dennis R. Wraase
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Dear Mr. Wraase,

Congratulations! PEPCO has been named a Tree Line USA Utility for the fourth year in recognition of your national leadership in caring for trees while meeting service objectives.

Trees make our communities more livable, increase property values, and help clean the air. And trees conserve energy, which is especially important to utilities as peak demand is reduced.

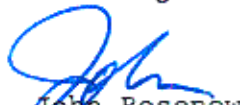
Your utility's effort in meeting Tree Line USA requirement—training your workers in quality tree-care practices and helping your customers to plant appropriate trees near utility lines—not only helps to provide beautiful trees for the future, but also results in long-term operational savings for your utility.

We invite you or a representative to attend the twelfth annual Trees and Utilities National Conference at Embassy Suites in Omaha's Downtown/Old Market, April 18-20, 2005. PEPCO will be recognized at the 2005 Tree Line USA awards ceremonies on April 19. This will be an opportunity for your utility to receive well-deserved national recognition as well as important, up-to-date vegetation-management information. Conference registration information is enclosed.

Tree Line USA is sponsored in cooperation with the National Association of State Foresters. We will forward recognition materials to Michael F. Galvin in your state forester's office. They will coordinate additional recognition in your state and locality. It would be especially appropriate to announce your Tree Line USA award at your local Arbor Day celebration.

Again, congratulations on receiving this national recognition for your forestry program.

Best regards,



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