

ANNEX 4(A)

SPECIFICATIONS FOR EASEMENT CLEARING FOR RURAL DISTRIBUTION LINES

A. GENERAL REQUIREMENTS

1. IN CLEARING THE EASEMENT, EVERY PRECAUTION SHALL BE TAKEN BY THE CONTRACTOR TO PROTECT LIFE, PROPERTY, AND THE ENVIRONMENT.
2. ONLY SUCH VEGETATION SHALL BE REMOVED AS IS NECESSARY TO PERMIT PROPER OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE OF DISTRIBUTION LINES. ONLY AREAS IDENTIFIED BY THE ENGINEER SHALL BE FELLED. ALL CLEARING IS TO BE DONE IN ACCORDANCE WITH SPECIFICATIONS AS SHOWN ON THE ATTACHED DRAWING.

B. CLEARING METHODS AND EQUIPMENT

1. UNLESS OTHERWISE SPECIFIED, ALL TIMBER TO BE CLEARED SHALL BE FELLED. THE REMOVAL OF "BRUSH" SHALL BE IN A MANNER SO AS TO REDUCE THE OVERALL IMPACT ON THE ROOT STRUCTURE OF THE GROUND COVER.
2. ENGINEER WILL DESIGNATE ALL DANGER TREES WHICH SHALL BE REMOVED OR TOPPED AT OPTION OF CONTRACTOR.
3. LANDOWNERS SHALL BE NOTIFIED PRIOR TO THE CUTTING OF TREES WITHIN THE RIGHT-OF-WAY. (THE EASEMENT CONSTITUTES A 15 FEET WIDE STRIP OF LAND ALONG BOTH SIDES OF THE DISTRIBUTION LINE).
4. TREE STUMPS GREATER THAN 6 INCHES AT THE BASE SHALL BE CUT TO A HEIGHT OF NOT MORE THAN 8 INCHES FROM THE GROUND LEVEL. ALL OTHER BRUSH SHALL BE CLEARED TO THE GROUND. IF REQUIRED, STUMPS SHALL BE REMOVED.
5. DAMAGE TO PRIVATE PROPERTY AS A RESULT OF LINE CLEARING SHALL BE THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE CONTRACTOR.
6. EQUIPMENT SHALL BE IN GOOD CONDITION AND APPROPRIATE FOR THE TYPES OF CLEARING SPECIFIED.
7. FORSEEN HAZARDOUS CIRCUMSTANCES THAT MAY RESULT WHILE CLEARING UNDER LIVE LINES MUST BE URGENTLY COMMUNICATED TO THE EMPLOYER.
8. BRANCHES SHALL BE REMOVED FROM LEANING TREES UNTIL IT IS MANAGEABLE. THE TREE SHOULD BE SUSTAINED WITH ROPES AND HAULED IN THE DIRECTION OF FELL.
9. VEGETATION PROTECTED BY THE FORESTRY DEPARTMENT OR ENVIRONMENTAL LAWS MUST NOT BE CUT UNTIL A PERMIT HAS BEEN OBTAINED FROM THE FORESTRY DEPARTMENT AND/OR THE DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT, (WHERE APPLICABLE).
10. VEGETATION REMOVED FROM THE RIGHT-OF-WAYS SHOULD NOT OBSTRUCT WATERWAYS.
11. DISPOSAL OF DEBRIS IS THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE CONTRACTOR. DEBRIS SHOULD NOT BE LEFT ON THE STREET OR IN PRIVATE PROPERTY.
12. BURNING OF DEBRIS IS STRICTLY PROHIBITED.