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May 8, 2017

Mr. Robert Batteese
Maine Department of Agriculture
Board of Pesticides Control
28 State House Station
Augusta, Me 04333-0028

Dear Mr. Batteese:

The purpose of this letter is to inform the Board of Pesticides Control that Emera Maine plans to hydraulically spray fifty-three electric substations and switch stations located in our Southern Operation Region (SOR, old Bangor Hydro Electric Company) and forty-three electric substations and switch stations located in our Northern Operation Region (NOR, old Maine Public Service Company).

The motorized hydraulic spraying will be conducted under a drift management plan that will be on file in Emera Maine's place of business. This plan and associated spray operation will work under stringent parameters to minimize the possibility of any off-sight pesticide drift. Our intent is to spray these ninety-six sites hydraulically this year and all our other locations will be sprayed with non-motorized low volume backpack sprayers. New sites may be added next year for potential hydraulic spraying. The board will be notified every year with a new count of sites that will be hydraulically sprayed. As always, EMERA Maine will treat its transmission R-O-W corridors using non-motorized low volume backpack sprayers. This practice will most likely never change.

If you have any questions please feel free to contact me at (207) 973-2582 or mark.lamberton@emeramaine.com

Thank you,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mark Lamberton", is written over a thin, light-colored line that extends from the signature area towards the contact information above.

Mark Lamberton
Supervisor of Vegetation Management

cc. Tom Kostenbader, Asplundh Tree Ex. Co.
cc. Neil Lyons, EMERA Maine.