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**To:** Wiesner, David K  
**Subject:** Adoption of Setbacks for Transmission Lines

On Apr 18, 2015, at 8:19 PM, Michele Noyes <[REDACTED]> wrote:

Mr. Wiesner,

I would like to Recommended Setbacks for Transmission Lines:

FERC recommends that new transmission lines should have set back distances equal to the mature height of existing future native trees outside of the right-of-way.

FERC Recommendation, 2012:

"Preventing fall-ins from both inside and outside the right-of-way is easier if utilities consider vegetation management needs when siting new transmission lines and acquiring new easements. Therefore, staff recommends that utilities carefully assess vegetation and growth rates in the area of planned lines in order to establish the appropriate right-of-way width. For example, if native trees have a mature height of 100 feet, the easement should cover an area wide enough to ensure that existing and future trees outside of the right-of-way will not fall into the facilities."

(Report on Transmission Facility Outages during the Northeast Snowstorm of Oct. 29-30, 2011: Causes and Recommendations, prepared by the Staffs of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission and the North American Electric Reliability Corporation, pg. 49.)

Sincerely,

Michele Noyes