



**Date:** November 1, 2022

**Addendum #:** 2

**Project Name:** Electric Utility Vegetation Management Plan

**Bid Due Date:** Friday, November 4, 2022 at 2:00p.m. EST

This addendum will answer any questions/clarifications submitted to-date. Any additional questions received by the deadline of 4:00PM EST on November 1, 2022 as stipulated in the RFP will be answered in a subsequent addendum.

- 1. We would like to submit this proposal via email, could you tell us the file size limit for your email server?**

*50MB*

- 2. How many overhead / above ground line miles by type (T/D), primary and secondary, are roadside adjacent, vs. number of miles off-road?**

*Generally speaking, our overhead lines are along streets or alleys with approximately 90% of the primary distribution & 85% of the transmission being adjacent to a roadway. We chip away the remainder of backlot primary distribution annually by converting some to underground or removing primary and replacing with secondary. The parity of secondary backlot to roadway adjacent is not readily available.*

- 3. What is TCL&P current vegetation (T/D) maintenance cycle / patrol?**

*There is no current cycle. Previously any circuit trimming has been planned to be reactive to outages (worst circuit gets prioritized). Inspection, which started last October, is on a 5-year cycle.*

- 4. Does TCL&P perform vegetation services on service drops to customer homes / structures?**

*Only on a reactive basis when there is something physically touching the line.*

- 5. What percentage of the 52-week year are "as- needed" crews performing work?**

*We shoot for 100%; however, contractor staffing sometimes plays a role.*

- 6. Is TCL&P currently, or has it previously been, a Treeline USA designee?**

*No, not that we are aware of.*

- 7. Are TCL&P transmission lines currently on cycle, and currently meet industry standard clearances?**

*It is not on a specific cycle. It has been trimmed as needed to standard clearances.*



- 8. Does TCL&P currently have a cycle-based vegetation maintenance plan? If so, please provide cycle and trim spec.**

*Same response as question 3.*

- 9. What percentage of service territory dis. lines do tree crews maintain annually?**

*This is not currently reported or tracked. As there is no current cycle this would be difficult to ascertain.*

- 10. Are herbicides used on T or D in your vegetation management, and if so, which herbicides?**

*We have used them in certain specific instances and locations, typically where we have issues with tall growing invasive species in a right-of-way. It has likely varied, but the most recent transmission project had an area where we used glyphosate and milestone.*

- 11. If herbicides are used, what application techniques are employed?**

*In the most recent application, it was very targeted application using backpack with Thinvert nozzle in an effort to ready for a spring planting of desirable species.*

- 12. How are tree crew hours and activities reported during the workday, then transmitted to the utility?**

*Tree crews are provided an iPad and put hours to specific projects in our work management system. However, they also provide timesheets with hours by date, which accompanies their invoice.*

- 13. How many miles of the 152 miles are service?**

*That information is not readily available.*

- 14. How many miles of the services and how many of the secondaries are triplex and how many open wire?**

*That information is not readily available*

- 15. How many miles of triplex and how many of the open wire secondaries (considered separately) are underbuilt on distribution poles?**

*That information is not readily available*



**16. Could you explain what you mean in the proposal under the Vendor and Trimming Staff Consultation where you say: "Consultation for non-cycle trimming staffing and consideration of vendor selections"? Are you asking for recommendations on how to select vendors and what staffing would look like if you don't run on a cycle?**

*If we end up with recommendations for cycle trimming, there will be emergent vegetation management needs in between cycles (tree on the line, preparatory clearing for line extensions, etc.). We are looking for resourcing recommendations that encompass all needs throughout the year. In addition, we are looking for recommendations on what we should consider when choosing a vegetation management contractor (e.g., large company, local company, etc.). We are not asking what staffing would look like if we do not run on a cycle, unless that is the bidder's recommendation.*