

Making Requests for Wood



**Connecticut
Light & Power**



**Western Massachusetts
Electric**

Northeast Utilities Companies

As part of any new transmission line construction project, Connecticut Light & Power (CL&P) and/or Western Massachusetts Electric (WMECO) must remove vegetation on transmission line rights-of-way. This vegetation removal facilitates the use of line construction equipment and better ensures the safety of construction crews. CL&P and WMECO are also required to comply with mandatory federal standards which dictate specific distances that vegetation must be kept from line conductors for transmission system reliability.

The vegetation clearing process is typically a very noticeable activity associated with the construction of new transmission lines. Clearing in some areas may seem especially significant to public observers either because electric facilities presently may not be using the full width of a right-of-way, or because additional right-of-way widths may have been acquired.

During the vegetation removal process, property owners whose land abuts the rights-of-way being cleared are offered the opportunity to retain cut wood for their personal use. This document outlines the process by which property owners can request wood.

HOW TO RETAIN WOOD

Property owners whose land is crossed by a transmission line right-of-way being cleared are eligible to retain all or a portion of the wood from the trees cleared from their property. Wood is provided only for the property owner. It will not be provided for renters, neighbors, friends, family or others who are not the property owner of record.

CL&P and WMECO compile a list of property owners whose trees will need to be removed. Prior to the start of clearing, project representatives will inform each property owner of the amount of clearing necessary and the potential for keeping wood. A “Wood Information Form” must be signed by the property owner at this point.

Before the actual clearing begins, CL&P and WMECO will review the requests of property owners interested in keeping wood. Agreement will be reached with each owner on the quantity of wood to be left, and the location for that wood. Wood will be left in a mutually agreeable location on the parcel of land from which the trees were removed, within an agreed-upon time period. Please be aware that the wood will be in log lengths, typically 18-22 feet long, and can only be placed in areas not considered wetlands or near rare, threatened, and/or endangered species habitats.

PROPERTY OWNERS WHOSE LAND ABUTS THE RIGHTS-OF-WAY MAY RETAIN ALL OR A PORTION OF THE WOOD CLEARED FROM THE PROPERTY.

If you are a property owner and interested in keeping the wood of the trees cleared from your property, please advise the CL&P or WMECO project representatives during the initial briefing.

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