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Dear Mr. Johnstone:

The Edison Electric Institute (EEI) appreciates the opportunity to partner with your organization at our Vegetation Management Task Force (VMTF) meetings. The EEI VMTF also will be cooperating with the Utility Arborist Association (UAA) in the conduct of regional meetings. The EEI VMTF and regional UAA meetings will provide an effective vehicle for the education and training of electric utility vegetation management field-level foremen and supervisors. The meetings allow us to present the latest information on the application of integrated vegetation management (IVM) to enhance the reliability of the nation's electric grid. EEI supports IVM concepts and has promoted the acceptance of IVM by federal land management agencies.

EEI looks forward to working with your organization in IVM promotion and education efforts.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads 'Richard M. Loughery'.

Richard M. Loughery
Director, Environmental Activities