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**To:** Mayor and Board of Aldermen  
**From:** Don Schuette  
**Date:** Thursday, March 12, 2026  
**Re:** Electrical Transmission and Distribution Line Tree Trimming and Vegetation Control Program

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Mayor and Board of Aldermen,

Please see the attached letter from Townsend Tree Service for the 2026 rates. They have increased their rates by 2.7 percent for 2026, which is in order with COLA and the contract agreement. Our current contract allows for a yearly increase as long as it is justifiable or in order with the COLA for the upcoming year.

I would recommend the board accept this proposed increase in rates.

If you have further questions or concerns, please let me know.

Thank you,

Don Schuette

Director of Electric Utilities