



March 28, 2017

Honorable Kathleen H. Burgess  
Secretary  
State of New York  
Department of Public Service  
Three Empire Plaza  
Albany, New York 12223

Dear Secretary Burgess,

Re: 2016 Electric Transmission Vegetation Management Report  
Central Hudson Gas & Electric Corporation

In accordance with Department requirements set forth at 16 NYCRR Part 84, enclosed is Central Hudson Gas & Electric Corporation report on implementation of its Land and Vegetation Management Plan for Overhead Transmission Rights-of-Way. The report provides a status of activities completed in 2016 and proposed activities for completion in 2017 and includes the following information:

1. Herbicide Usage Report for 2016
2. Quantity and Cost of Work Completed by Technique (Completion Year: 2016)
3. 2016 Danger Tree Removal Program Summary Report
4. Status of Transmission ROW Management Program for 2016
5. Proposed Transmission ROW Management Program for 2017
6. 2016 Tree Related Transmission Outage Report – 69 kV and above

Also enclosed are two letters, one which updates the status of the buffer zone work completed to date as well as the plan for ongoing monitoring of the buffer zones as part of the annual routine maintenance program, and the second letter provides an update on the status of securing additional rights or ROW widths in order to maintain industry standards for adequate vegetation management for the bulk transmission system as well as the plan for the next highest priority lines to be addressed.

Should you require further information concerning this filing, please contact me at 845-486-5844

Sincerely,

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Donald L. DuBois, Jr.

Manager Electric T&D and Quality/Productivity

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**CENTRAL HUDSON ELECTRIC TRANSMISSION  
HERBICIDE USAGE REPORT FOR 2016**

METHOD	MIX	ACRES TREATED	MIXED GALLONS	MIXED GALLONS PER ACRE	CONCENTRATE GALLONS	CONCENTRATE GALLONS PER ACRE
L.V.F.	KRENITE - 5 GAL. ARSENAL - .25 GAL. ESCORT - 3 OZ./100 GAL. PENETRON - 1 GAL. WATER - 93.75 GAL. TOTAL - 100 GAL.	182.9	1200.0	6.56	75.00	0.41
L.V.F.	RODEO - 5 GAL. ARSENAL - .25 GAL. ESCORT - 3 OZ./100 GAL. PENETRON - 1 GAL. WATER - 94.5 GAL. TOTAL - 100 GAL.	221.1	1800.0	8.14	112.50	0.51
Cut & Treat	GARLON 4 - 20% STALKER - 1% MINERAL OIL -79%	0.0	0.0	0.00	0.00	0.00
Cut & Treat	RODEO - 50% WATER - 50%	341.5	270.0	0.79	87.50	0.26
Tower Vine Treatment	GARLON 3A - 10 OZ. STREAMLINE - 1 OZ. MES-100 - 5 OZ. WATER - 4 GAL.	0.75	36.0	48.00	90 OZ. 9 OZ. 45 OZ. 36 GAL.	120 OZ. PER ACRE 12 OZ. PER ACRE 60 OZ. PER ACRE 48 GAL. PER ACRE

CENTRAL HUDSON GAS & ELECTRIC CORPORATION  
 2016 ELECTRIC TRANSMISSION RIGHT OF WAY MANAGEMENT PROGRAM  
 QUANTITY AND COST OF WORK COMPLETED BY TECHNIQUE

TREATMENT METHOD	WORK COMPLETED	TOTAL COST	AVERAGE COST
<b><u>ROUTINE RIGHT OF WAY MAINTENANCE PROGRAM</u></b>			
Side Trim	80.5 Miles	\$1,112,103	\$13,815 /Mile
Cut, Stump Treat	336.4 Acres	\$117,848	\$350 /Acre
Cut, Chip, Stump Treat	5.1 Acres	\$5,308	\$1,041 /Acre
Backpack Low Volume Foliar	404.8 Acres	\$129,966	\$321 /Acre
Hydraulic Low Volume Foliar			
Hydraulic High Volume Foliar			
Radiarc			
Mow	160 Acres	\$158,177	\$989 /Acre
Mow, Cut Stubble			
<b><u>ROUTINE PROGRAM SUMMARY</u></b>			
Total Routine Acres	906 Acres	\$411,299	\$454 /Acre
Total Side Trim	80.5 Miles	\$1,112,103	\$13,815 /Mile
<b>Total Routine Expenditures:</b>		<b>\$1,523,402</b>	
<b><u>EDGE ENCROACHMENT RECLAMATION</u></b>			
Edge Reclamation	16.3 miles	\$462,924	
Land Surveying / Boundary Marking		\$36,821	
<b>Total Edge Expenditures:</b>		<b>\$499,745</b>	\$30,659 /Mile
<b><u>DANGER TREE REMOVAL PROGRAM</u></b>			
Danger Tree	965 Trees	\$308,440	\$320 /Tree
<b><u>HOT SPOT TRIMMING PROGRAM</u></b>			
Hot Spot	1330 Stems	\$61,108	\$46 /Stem
<b><u>LEGAL &amp; ENVIRONMENTAL</u></b>			
Legal & Environmental Expenditures		\$44,037	
<b>Total 2016 Program Expenditures:</b>		<b>\$2,436,732</b>	

## 2016 Central Hudson Danger Tree Removal Program Summary Report

Line Designation	From	To	Number of Trees Removed
301	Hurley Ave.	Leeds	101
303	Roseton	Hurley Ave.	52
311	Roseton	Rock Tavern	19
CF	South Cairo	Freehold	8
CL	Catskill	South Cairo	14
CN	Coxsackie	New Baltimore	28
CW	Coldenham	East Walden	3
D	East Walden	Rock Tavern	11
DR	Danskammer	East Terminal	5
DW	Chadwick Lake	West Balmville	18
E	Pleasant Valley	Smithfield	10
EF	East Fishkill	Shenandoah	7
EM	Modena	East Walden	4
FO	North Chelsea	Forgebrook	3
FP	Fishkill Plains	Sylvan Lake	7
FT	Forgebrook	Tioronda	3
FV	Smithfield	Conn. State Line	2
FW	Freehold	Westerlo	32
G	Pleasant Valley	Knapps Corners	32
GE	Smithfield	Pulvers Corners	7
GM	Greenfield Rd.	Clinton Ave.	11

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Line Designation	From	To	Number of Trees Removed
H	Saugerties	North Catskill	12
HF	Fishkill Plains	East Fishkill	1
HG	Honk Falls	Neversink	10
HK	High Falls	Honk Falls	72
HP	Hurley Ave.	Lincoln Park	6
I	Hurley Ave.	Boulevard	42
LR	Lincoln Park	Rhinebeck	5
MC	Manchester	Knapps Corners	1
MK	Modena	Honk Falls	59
MR	Milan	Rhinebeck	4
N	Sturgeon Pool	Boulevard	33
NF	Fishkill Plains	North Chelsea	1
NW	New Baltimore	Westerlo	8
OB	Ohioville	Boulevard	26
OR	Hurley Ave.	Highland	47
P	Sturgeon Pool	High Falls	17
PX	Ohioville	Modena	3
Q	Rhinebeck	Pleasant Valley	22
RD	Rock Tavern	Bethlehem Road	3
RJ	Rock Tavern	Union Ave.	5
S	Smithfield	Pulvers Corners	3

**2016 Central Hudson Danger Tree Removal Program Summary Report**

<b>Line Designation</b>	<b>From Structure</b>	<b>To Structure</b>	<b><u>Number of</u> Trees Removed</b>
SB	Hurley Ave.	Saugerties	6
SC	Sand Dock	North Chelsea	25
SK	Spackenkill	Knapps Corners	2
SL	Rock Tavern	Sugar Loaf	7
SR	Saugerties	Woodstock	82
TR	Knapp's Corner	NY Trap Rock	3
TV	Meyers Corners	Chelsea	1
UB	Union Ave.	Bethlehem Road	1
V	North Catskill	Niagara Mohawk Tap	4
WF	Forgebrook	Merritt Park	1
WH	Neversink	Woodbourne Tap	33
WH 1 & 2	Honk Falls	Woodbourne	24
WM	Rock Tavern	East Walden	6
WP	Merritt Park	Wicopee	6
X	Reynold's Hill	Pleasant Valley	7
		<b>Total</b>	<b>965</b>

**Total 2016 Expenditures: \$308,440.00**  
**Average Cost Per Tree: \$319.63**

**Central Hudson Transmission ROW Management Program for 2016**

<u>District</u>	<u>Line Designation</u>	<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>	<u>Voltage</u>	<u>Total Acres</u>	<u>Treated Acres</u>	<u>Status</u>
Kingston	LR	Lincoln Park	West Terminal	115	42	26	Complete
Kingston	SR	Saugerties	Woodstock	69	102	35	Complete
Kingston	HG	Honk Falls	Neversink	69	189	126	Complete
Kingston	GM	Honk Falls	Clinton Ave + Tap	69	31	19	Complete
Kingston	WH	Woodbourne Tap	Neversink	69	146	75	Complete
Kingston	I	Hurley Ave	Boulevard	69	34	13	Complete
Newburgh	PX	Ohioville	Modena	115	91	48	Complete
Catskill	CF	S Cairo	Freehold	69	77	60	Complete
Catskill	FW	Freehold	Westerlo	69	86	61	Complete
Catskill	NC	N Catskill	Coxsackie	69	96	69	Complete
Catskill	CN	Coxsackie	New Baltimore	69	65	46	Complete
Catskill	T	North Catskill	Athens Tap	115	40	19	Complete
Catskill	V	North Catskill	Niagara Mohawk Tap	115	26	12	Complete
Catskill	NW	New Baltimore	Westerlo	69	176	137	Complete

Total acres included for the 2016 program:	1200
Total anticipated treatable acres:	757
Total actual treated acres:	746

Note: A Status of Complete refers only to the completion of the herbicide applications scheduled for the 2016 lines. A total of 8.23 acres of mowing, 0.11 miles of Edge Reclamation and 23.48 miles of Side Trimming were carried over into 2017.

### 2017 Work Plan

<u>District</u>	<u>Line Designation</u>	<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>	<u>Voltage</u>	<u>Spray Acres</u>	<u>Mow Acres</u>	<u>Side Trim Miles</u>	<u>Edge Widening Miles</u>
Catskill	301	Hurley Avenue	Leeds	345	467	0.16	0.64	0.33
Kingston	303	Roseton	Hurley Avenue	345	446	0.6	0.75	0.53
Newburgh	311	Roseton	Rock Tavern	345	355	1.61	1.27	0.36
Newburgh	SL	Rock Tavern	Sugarloaf	115	125	0	3.16	0
Newburgh	D	East Walden	Rock Tavern	115	12	0	0.22	0
Newburgh	J	East Walden	Rock Tavern	115	33	0.6	5.56	0.05
Newburgh	DW	Danskammer	East Walden	115	52	1.48	1.31	0.57
Newburgh	SJ/SD	Sugarloaf	New Jersey	115	63	0.1	1.93	0.08
<b>Totals</b>					<b>1553</b>	<b>4.55</b>	<b>14.84</b>	<b>1.92</b>

### 2016 Work Plan Carryover

<u>District</u>	<u>Line Designation</u>	<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>	<u>Voltage</u>	<u>Spray/Floor</u>	<u>Mow Acres</u>	<u>Side Trim Miles</u>	<u>Edge Widening Miles</u>
Catskill	CF	South Cairo	Freehold	69	Complete	Complete	Complete	0.11
Catskill	NC	North Catskill	Coxsackie	69	Complete	5.47	0.93	Complete
Kingston	HG	Honk Falls	Neversink	69	Complete	Complete	7.29	Complete
Kingston	I	Hurley Avenue	Boulevard	69	Complete	Complete	3.14	Complete
Kingston	LR	Lincoln Park	West Terminal	115	Complete	Complete	4.3	Complete
Kingston	SR	Saugerties	Woodstock	69	Complete	2.76	7.82	Complete
<b>Totals</b>					<b>0</b>	<b>8.23</b>	<b>23.48</b>	<b>0.11</b>

### 2015 Work Plan Carryover

<u>District</u>	<u>Line Designation</u>	<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>	<u>Voltage</u>	<u>Spray/Floor</u>	<u>Mow Acres</u>	<u>Side Trim Miles</u>	<u>Edge Widening Miles</u>
Catskill	CL	Catskill	South Cairo	69	Complete	Complete	0.13	Complete
Kingston	HK	High Falls	Honk Falls	69	Complete	Complete	Complete	9.1
Kingston	H	Saugerties	North Catskill	69	Complete	Complete	1.98	Complete
Kingston	HP	Hurley Avenue	Lincoln Park	115	Complete	Complete	1.77	Complete
Kingston	MK	Honk Falls	Modena	69	Complete	Complete	0.52	Complete
Kingston	OB	Ohioville	Boulevard	69	Complete	Complete	3.47	0.24
Kingston	O	Ohioville	Sturgeon Pool	69	Complete	Complete	0.5	Complete
Kingston	OR	Highland	Hurley Avenue	115	Complete	Complete	3.62	7.29
Kingston	P	Sturgeon Pool	High Falls	69	Complete	Complete	5.3	Complete
Kingston	SB	Hurley Avenue	Saugerties	69	Complete	Complete	4.5	0.26
<b>Totals</b>					<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>21.79</b>	<b>16.89</b>

**Grand Totals                      1553                      12.78                      60.11                      18.92**

Note 1: The work proposed for 2017 will be conducted in accordance with Central Hudson's Long Range Vegetation Management Plan (LRVMP) utilizing Integrated Vegetation Management (IVM) methods outlined in the plan that best address the conditions identified in the field. Methods utilized will take into consideration anticipated growth of vegetation, operational conditions of the various lines, environmental factors/considerations, and the time required to obtain permission and/or regulatory permits to perform the work.

Note 2: It is anticipated that not all planned acres to be treated will be completed due to potential landowner refusals or other factors that may prevent the use of herbicides in certain areas. Areas that are unable to be treated will be mowed or manually cut.

Note 3: Due to the miles of side trimming/edge widening that were carried over from 2015 & 2016 along with no increase in the budget for Vegetation Maintenance for the Electric Transmission System in the current rate allowance, it is anticipated that not all side trimming/edge widening work for these lines will be completed.

Note 4: Work Plan carryover from 2015 and 2016 due to Threatened and Endangered Species restrictions associated with the Northern Long-Eared and Indiana Bat coupled with higher than anticipated ROW edge reclamation and danger tree removals.



2016 Tree Related Transmission Outage Report

Date	Time	Interruption	Line Designation	Voltage Class (kV)	Structure Number / Location of Outage	Width of ROW (ft.)	Tree Species	Tree Condition	Height (ft.)	DBH (in.)	Pre-Outage Tree Location (in/Out of ROW)	Distance From Base of Tree to Tree to Center of ROW	Distance From Base of Tree to the Conductor	Terrain / Slope	Weather Conditions	Temperature (°F)	Wind Speed (mph)
1/19/2016	1549	None	HG	69	Between Structures #27912 and #27913	100	Aspen	Good	~110	-18	Outside ROW	80'	85'	Uphill	Cloudy and Windy	21	45
Details: Heavy winds caused tree to uproot and fall towards the conductors. Tree contacted conductors as it fell, causing the outage.																	
2/24/2016	2243	15h18m	TR	69	Between Structures #33534 and #33535	60	Black Cherry	Poor	85	26	Outside ROW	65'	60'	Flat	Thunderstorms / Heavy Winds	64	35
Details: Heavy winds during a thunderstorm caused tree to break off at ground level and fall onto the conductors, causing the outage.																	
4/2/2016	1327	None	OB	69	Near Structure #155	100	Hemlock	Dead	105	30	Outside ROW	88'	78'	Uphill	Rain and Wind	48	20
Details: A combination of saturated ground and wind caused tree to uproot and fall into the right of way, causing the outage.																	
4/3/2016	530	9hr 46min	HG	69	Near Structure #27506	60	White Pine	Good	105	24	Outside ROW	36	32	Flat	Snow and Wind	30	38
Details: Strong winds caused one side of a codominant white pine tree to split off at about 15' above ground level and fall into the right of way, causing the outage.																	
6/17/2016	1355	None	CN	69	Between Structures 119313 & 119314	60	Ash	Good	51	7	Outside ROW	47	45	Flat	Mostly Cloudy	77	10
Details: Someone was clearing trees near the right of way. One of the trees contacted the conductor as it fell, causing the outage.																	
7/1/2016	1532	Momentary	SC	115	Between Structures 79237 and 79238	100	Locust	Good	78	26	Outside ROW	55	41	Flat	Thunderstorms / Heavy Winds	80	28
Details: Due to heavy winds during a thunderstorm, tree broke at the base and contacted the conductor as it fell to the ground, causing the outage.																	
7/1/2016	1539	None	DR	115	Between Structures 44687 & 44688	100	Black Cherry	Good	70	16	Outside ROW	50	29	Flat	Thunderstorms / Heavy Winds	70	38
Details: Due to heavy winds during a thunderstorm, tree broke at about 15 feet above ground level and landed on the conductors, causing the outage.																	
7/18/2016	1512	None	SD	115	Between Structures 1247 & 1248	125	Black Walnut	Good	60	33	Inside ROW	33	30	Flat	Thunderstorms / Heavy Winds	75	41
Details: Due to heavy winds during a thunderstorm, a branch, normally outside of the MCVD, was blown far enough by the wind that it came into contact with a phase, causing the outage. The line is not centered in the right of way.																	
10/31/2016	1246	Momentary	OB	69	Near Structure 186	100	White Oak	Dead	75	24	Outside ROW	51	42	Flat	Mostly Cloudy / Windy	50	18
Details: Wind caused dead tree to break near ground level and fall onto the conductor, causing the outage.																	

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Re: Case 04-E-0822

Dear Secretary Burgess:

The original and two copies of a plan were filed with the Commission on October 13, 2005, in accordance with the "Order Requiring Enhanced Transmission Right-of-Way Management Practices by Electric Utilities" for the evaluation of vegetative buffers on Electric Transmission Right of Ways. A "Plan" was not submitted regarding the bulk and other critical transmission facilities as the road crossing vegetative buffers on these lines were all removed as part of the edge encroachment reclamation work completed in 2004.

Beginning in 2004, Central Hudson revised the Routine ROW Maintenance Program to include removal of all tall growing, incompatible vegetation from all buffer zones up to the limits of the easements and/or special permitting requirements. The buffer zones on the bulk transmission systems were also all addressed in this revision. With the completion of the 2009 ROW maintenance program, the removal of all tall growing, incompatible vegetation from the buffer zones within Central Hudson's electric transmission system (including the bulk transmission system) was completed. Since 2009, Central Hudson continues to address any incompatible vegetation that may grow in the buffer zones each year as part of our annual routine maintenance program.

Should you require any further information feel free to contact me at (845-486-5988).

Respectfully submitted,



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Director of Line Clearance

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Re: Case 04-E-0822

Dear Secretary Burgess:

The original and two copies of a plan were filed with the Commission on September 29, 2005, in accordance with the “Order Requiring Enhanced Transmission Right-of-Way Management Practices by Electric Utilities” regarding securing rights or ROW widths in order to maintain industry standards for adequate vegetation management for the bulk and other critical transmission facilities. A similar plan was filed for the remainder of the transmission system on October 31, 2005.

Central Hudson’s bulk transmission system consists of three (3) 345 kV lines that have a typical right of way width of 150 feet, which provides 75 feet from the pole line to the right of way edge. In response to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission’s Order issued May 2012 Central Hudson also included the FP as a 115 kV critical tie line facilities and the FV Line as a critical 69 kV tie line facilities. Central Hudson recognizes and encounters situations within its routine maintenance activities where easement language, public constraints and regulatory limitations prohibit clearing the right of way to these widths.

The first step in developing a plan for securing additional rights or ROW widths was to conduct a comprehensive desk top review of the plan and profile maps for the bulk transmission system to determine the number and location of any deficiencies in existing ROW width. A list of locations was developed where the right of way width is less than the typical 150 feet for the 345 kV lines or less than 100 feet for 115 kV or 69 kV critical tie line interconnection facilities by reviewing the plan and profile maps for each line.

Central Hudson owns between 80% and 95% of the ROW’s for each of the 345 kV Lines as well as with the FP line, the remaining 5% to 20% being ROW by easement. For the 69 kV FV Line the Right of Ways are 100% by easement with no restrictions to maintaining the full width of 100 feet.

In 2012 Central Hudson upon further review of the existing and the proposed requirements from Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FAC-003 and FAC-003-2), decided to conduct land surveys on the bulk transmission system and critical interconnects. The results indicated that more than the original 10 deficiencies identified in the plan and profile review for the 345 kV lines exists. There were 61 ROW deficiencies associated with the 301 (345 kV) line;

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48 ROW deficiencies on the 303 (345 kV) line; 24 ROW deficiencies on the 311(345 kV) line; plus 12 ROW deficiencies on the FP 115 kV line and 2 ROW deficiencies on the FV 69 kV line that were identified.

Since the bulk transmission is the highest priority, Central Hudson's Real Property Services Department concentrated on the 345 kV lines to determine if acquiring additional rights or ROW width at these locations was feasible. During 2013 and the first few months of 2014, Central Hudson's Real Property Services Department employed the services of a contractor to assist in landowner contact and negotiations to pursue obtaining full easement and/or vegetation clearing rights. To date, of the 145 ROW deficiencies associated with the 345 kV lines, 108 ROWs have been acquired, 2 are pending sale from New York State, and 35 proposed ROW easements have been declined by property owners and have been documented as such. Central Hudson's Line Clearance Department will continue to pursue obtaining the remaining ROW easement rights and/or vegetation clearing rights from New York State on the remaining two pending sale deficiencies associated with the 345 kV lines.

To ensure that transmission reliability on the bulk transmission system is not impacted by these ROW width restrictions during the negotiation process, a comprehensive ground inspection of the bulk transmission system will continue to be performed on an annual basis. The list of exceptions will be utilized for tracking and monitoring the locations with less than optimal ROW width from a vegetation management perspective as well as conducting the annual field assessments to ensure that adequate clearances will be maintained until the next scheduled maintenance cycle.

Central Hudson's Real Property Services Department has reviewed the Plan and Profile drawings for the 115 kV lines and has identified 190 parcels that require landowner contact and negotiations for acquiring additional ROW easement rights. To date, all landowners have been contacted by Central Hudson personnel to acquire additional ROWs, with 115 ROW easements being acquired, 5 determined to have no deficiency and 70 ROW easements being declined by property owners and documented as such.

In addition, Central Hudson's Real Property Services Department has begun the process of identifying the current landowners for the 69 kV lines with ROW deficiencies. To date they have had four lines surveyed, the OB, CL, HK and I Lines. There have been 57 deficiencies identified on the CL line, 89 deficiencies on the HK line, 13 deficiencies on the I line and have not received the data back from the survey for the OB line to date. This process will continue into 2017.

Based on the number of additional ROW deficiencies identified from the land surveys conducted on the 345 kV and critical interconnect lines, Central Hudson has decided to apply the same process to the 115 kV and 69 kV lines by performing land surveys in conjunction with any upcoming transmission construction projects. Any ROW deficiencies identified will be added to the list of known deficiencies from the Plan and Profile review for Real Property Services Department to pursue. Edge Reclamation work will be conducted on any ROW deficiencies acquired prior to and during vegetation maintenance activities for each line or will be completed during the next maintenance cycle.

Should you require any further information feel free to contact me at (845-486-5988).

Respectfully submitted,

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