



## City of Austin

Austin's Community-Owned Electric Utility

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December 2, 2008

RE: Cardinal Lane-11 (CL-11) electric distribution reconductor Project

Dear Customer:

As part of our continued mission to provide you with outstanding, reliable electric service, Austin Energy (AE) will reconductor/rebuild the existing electric distribution line located along the west side of South 5<sup>th</sup> Street, from Cardinal Lane Substation, located at Cardinal Lane and South 5<sup>th</sup> Street, to Gibson Street.

This Project will consist of replacement of existing poles and installation of new and more reliable wires. We will use narrow profile construction, which means the arms attached to the poles will be smaller than what exists presently. We hope you will find this construction provides an aesthetically pleasing look.

Most of the existing poles are 45' tall and the replacement poles will be 55' tall, with the exception of six (6) locations, between Oltorf and Juanita Street, where we must install 60' tall self-weathering steel poles, due to the curves in the road and to minimize tree trimming on a number of large trees. Utilizing 55' tall poles for the remainder of the Project will also minimize tree trimming.

Beginning in mid-December 2008, our tree trimming contractor, Davey, will prepare vegetation work plans for each affected property, and property owners will be contacted in order to discuss and finalize these plans. Due to live oak wilt concerns, tree trimming must be completed by February 15, 2009.

Actual electric construction will begin in mid to late February 2009 and will last for approximately 4 - 6 months. Lane closures along South 5<sup>th</sup> Street will be needed. Short outages will be needed as services are transferred, however, each property owner and/or tenant will be notified prior to these outages. Both AE and our construction contractor, Pike, carry AE identification with them at all times.

While we regret inconveniencing your neighborhood, this reconductor/rebuild is crucial for system reliability, which will benefit your neighborhood. We appreciate your cooperation.

Should you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me at 322.6237. If I am unavailable, please contact Francis Jette, Project Manager, 505.7652.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Wendi Broden".

Wendi Broden

Public Involvement/Real Estate Services

cc: Francis Jette, Project Manager