

# **Muscle Shoals Electric Board Tree Trimming Policy**

## **Trimming**

### **Primary Lines (7.2 KV or higher)**

Trees in the power line right-of-way (streets, alleys and easements) will only be flat topped for at least three years growth or removed. Where tree branches are hanging over or into the right-of-way and affect primary power lines trimming to remove those branches will be done. MSEB will not shape trees unless the tree owner pays for the extra trimming in advance. The cost for extra trimming will be determined by MSEB after having the tree trimming foreman estimate the number of hours for his crew to complete the work. Extra tree trimming requested by the customer will only be scheduled after payment for the work has been received by MSEB. Extra tree trimming work paid for by the customer will not take precedence over MSEB's normal trimming that is necessary to keep power lines clear.

### **Service Wires and Secondary (up to 480 Volts)**

MSEB will normally only trim tree limbs that are touching or rubbing a service or secondary line. If a customer wants to remove a tree that only affects a service wire MSEB will schedule to take the service wire down during normal working hours while the tree is being cut by the customer or his contractor. In order to avoid charges MSEB must be notified by 1:00 p.m. that the customer is ready for the service to be put back up. Overtime work to put service wires back up will be charged to the property owner if MSEB is notified after 1:00 p.m.

## **Removal of Trees**

MSEB reserves the right of remove any tree that is on the right-of-way (streets, alleys and easements) that interferes with or could interfere with primary power lines. Trees that are not located on the city right-of-way may be removed with property owner permission if MSEB deems the tree a threat to power lines. Trees not deemed by MSEB to be a threat to power lines will not be removed.