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Interest: Columbus Shade Tree Commission 2010 Member

Qualifications:

- **Bachelor of Science** Degree in Conservation – Kent State 1989
- Extensive experience in communicating and working with the public
- Strong background in the electrical utility field
- Experience managing people and projects
- Computer experience in all Microsoft applications as well as other commonly used programs
- **Certified Arborist, Certified Utility Arborist, and obtained Custom Operator Pesticide Applicator License**
- Appointed to the City of Columbus Tree Sub-Committee, Spring 2006

Employment History:

- *American Electric Power – Columbus, Ohio June 1999-present*
Utility Forester:
 - Actively manage a multi-million dollar budget and 18 tree crews to perform line clearance work on more than 1,500 miles of electric utility line
 - Inspect crews regularly to insure adherence to safety standards, productivity rates and job quality
 - Communicate actively with local city governments including speaking at city and environmental group meetings to inform and educate the public about the need for and methods of line clearance activities.
 - Effectively resolve all storm related tree calls as well as customer complaints
 - Dramatically increased the tree removal rate, and dormant season herbicide applications to improve condition of utility rights-of-way
 - Involved in the development and implementation of a storm response plan for the Columbus Region Forestry group

- *American Electric Power – Logan WV* *Nov 1997-June 1999*
Utility Forester – Performed similar duties as position in Columbus as well as:
 - Managed a utility pole inspection program which involved assigning work areas to be covered, monitoring progress, and quality checking at least 10 % of poles treated
 - Initiated a dormant season basal spray program to more efficiently clear the rights-of-way of undesirable tree and brush species
 - Dramatically increased customer contacts and tree removal rates

- *ACRT – Huntington WV* *Feb 1997 – Nov 1997*
Utility Line Clearance Work Planner:
 - Performed land owner notification and line clearance planning for 14 crews in 3 counties
 - Greatly increased tree and brush removal rate as well as crew productivity
 - Initiated positive and well informed communications between customers, AEP, and contract tree crews
 - Promoted to Senior Forester for the WV AEP – ACRT contract

- **Professional Memberships:** UAA, ISA

References Available upon request