

**ADVISORY NEIGHBORHOOD COMMISSION 3E**  
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October 9, 2003

Mayor Anthony Williams  
John A. Wilson Building  
1350 Pennsylvania Ave. NW  
Washington DC 20004

Dear Mayor Williams,

ANC3E sends this letter to support the City Council's actions investigating the significant power outages that occurred throughout the city and to urge the executive branch to more strongly address the significant problems that Hurricane Isabel brought to light.

First, we concur with and support ANC 3G/4F's request to bury power lines on all future DC road projects. So many of our power difficulties have arisen because of overhanging power lines. The city should take steps now to slowly remediate this problem.

Second, we request a full investigation of PEPCO and its efficacy as DC's power provider. During the aftermath of Hurricane Isabel, the Washington Post published daily counts of the number of residents restored to power by each of the three area utility companies (BG&E, Dominion Power, and PEPCO). PEPCO consistently lagged behind the other two in restoration of power to citizens.

Third, we strongly urge the city to revisit the issue of dying city trees. Although the citizens of 3E enjoy our tree canopy, the devastation wrought because of old, dying trees on city land around our neighborhoods, was severe. We understand that the average length of time required to remediate a dying city tree is 9 months, with a two month wait just to get the tree inspected. We feel that this timeframe is unacceptable and puts citizens' lives at risk in times of severe weather.

This letter was passed by a vote of \_\_\_\_\_ (a quorum being present) at our October 9<sup>th</sup> public meeting. Commissioners Amy Hoang, Lucy Eldridge, Chapman Todd and Amy McVey were present.

Sincerely,

Amy B. McVey  
Chairman

CC. DC City Council  
People's Council of DC