

**Pierce Pepin Cooperative Services Named 2020 Tree Line USA
by Arbor Day Foundation**

Lincoln, Neb.– The Arbor Day Foundation has named Pierce Pepin Cooperative Services (PPCS) a 2020 Tree Line USA® in honor of its commitment to proper tree pruning, planting and care in the provider’s service area.

Tree Line USA, a partnership between the Foundation and the National Association of State Foresters, recognizes public and private utilities for pursuing practices that protect and enhance America's urban trees. Tree Line USA promotes the dual goals of delivering safe and reliable electricity while maintaining healthy community forests.

“Trees are a critical part of both urban and rural landscapes all across the United States,” said Dan Lambe, president of the Arbor Day Foundation. “They provide important benefits to residents, including clean air, clean water and a tolerable climate. Service providers like Pierce Pepin Cooperative Services demonstrate that it’s possible for trees and utilities to co-exist for the benefit of communities and citizens.”

Pierce Pepin Cooperative Services achieved Tree Line USA by meeting five program standards. Utilities must follow industry standards for quality tree care; provide annual worker training in best tree care practices; sponsor a tree planting and public education program; maintain a tree-based energy conservation program; and participate in an Arbor Day celebration.

More information about Tree Line USA can be found at www.arborday.org/TreeLineUSA.



*Nate Boettcher, PPCS president and CEO, and Bill McMahon,
PPCS right-of-way supervisor,
display the plaque from Tree Line USA.
PPCS has received this designation for 16 years in a row.*