

SUNSET HILLS

Neighborhood Association

November 22, 2010

Plan Commission
215 Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd.
Madison, Wisconsin

Re: Agenda Item No. 11: Major Alteration to Existing Conditional Use at Larkin Tower, 125 Larkin Street

Dear Commissioners:

Reservoir Park is a central feature of our neighborhood. The surrounding residents use it daily, enjoy its green space and play equipment, and have spent much time improving and maintaining the plantings. The character of the park contributes greatly to the character of our neighborhood.

We request that the existing generator be replaced with a quieter option. Many of our neighbors have noticed that the generator is audible from the surrounding properties and sidewalk and within the park itself.

We also request that no new antennas be added to the tower, in respect for the agreement reached by the city of Madison and the neighborhood when the replacement tower was negotiated in 1995. This agreement also precludes the large, round antenna style. Several antennas have been subsequently added in violation of this agreement.

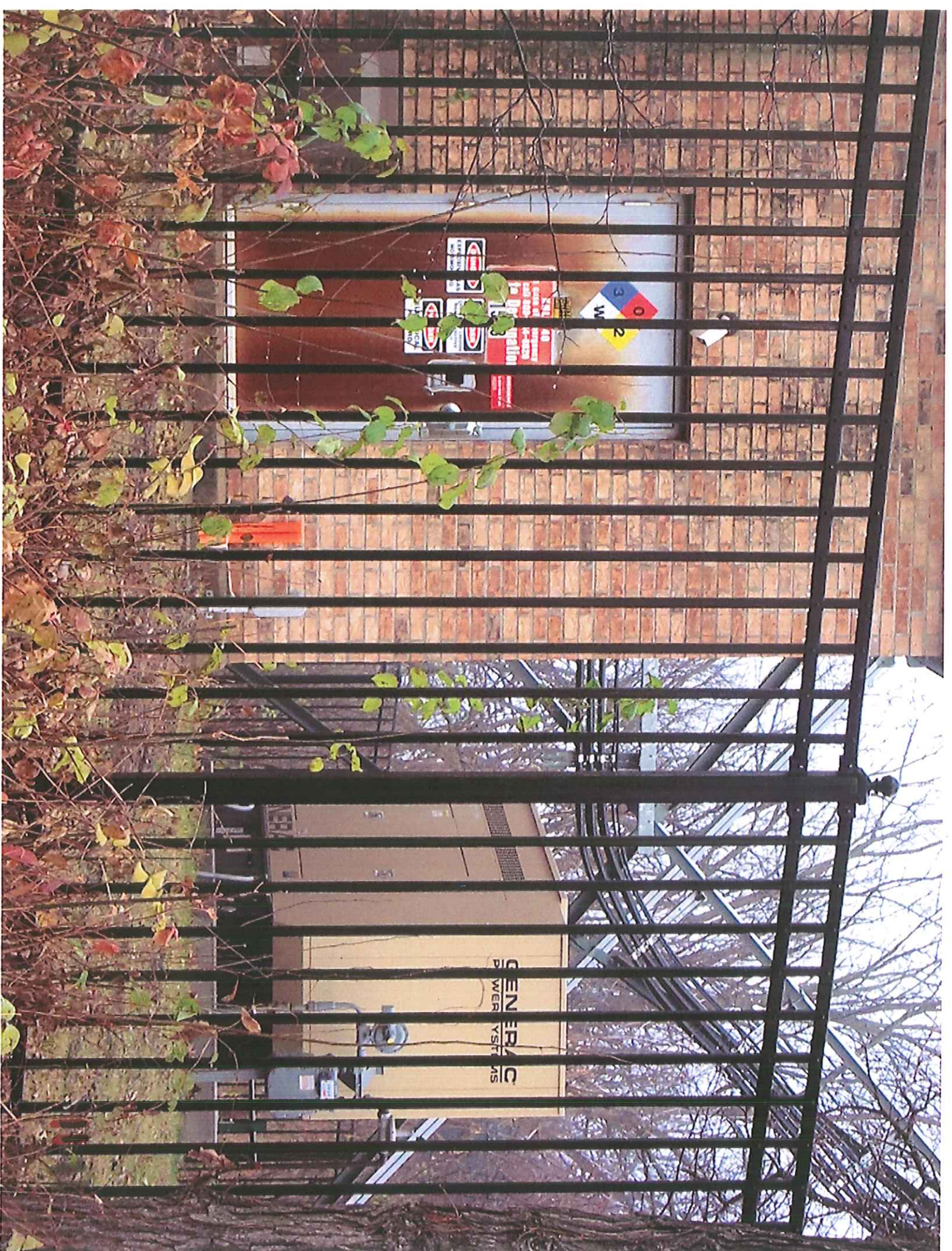
Furthermore, the buildings and equipment at ground level should be maintained at a high standard. Rusting elements and oversized, brightly painted signage are clearly visible from the sidewalk and from within the park. These should be repaired and screened from view by the addition of a small wooden fence that will better contribute to the planted area surrounding the tower enclosure and to the general character of Reservoir Park.

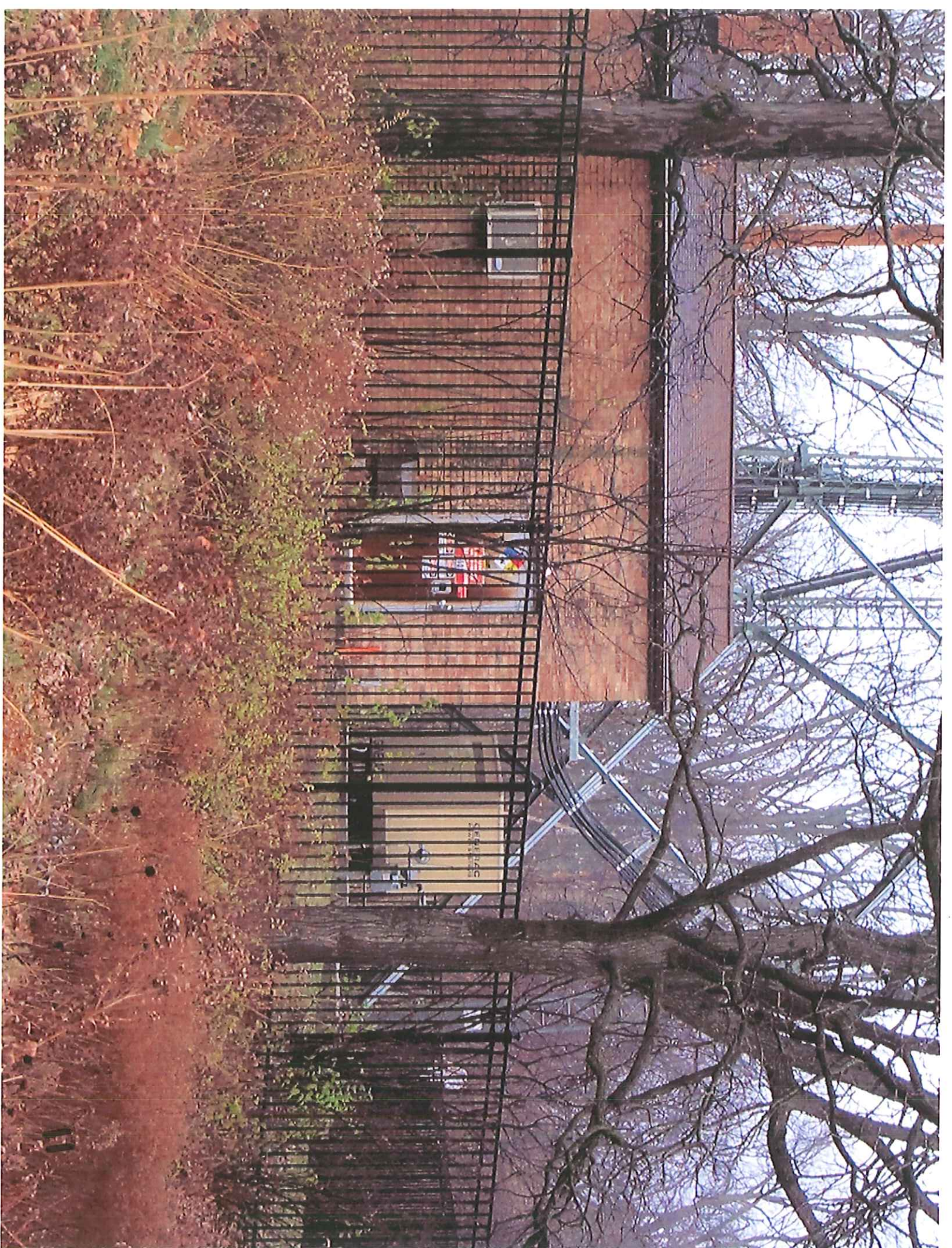
For any future alterations, we ask that all applicable notifications and approval processes be respected. Reservoir Park is a major asset to our neighborhood. Thank you for your consideration.

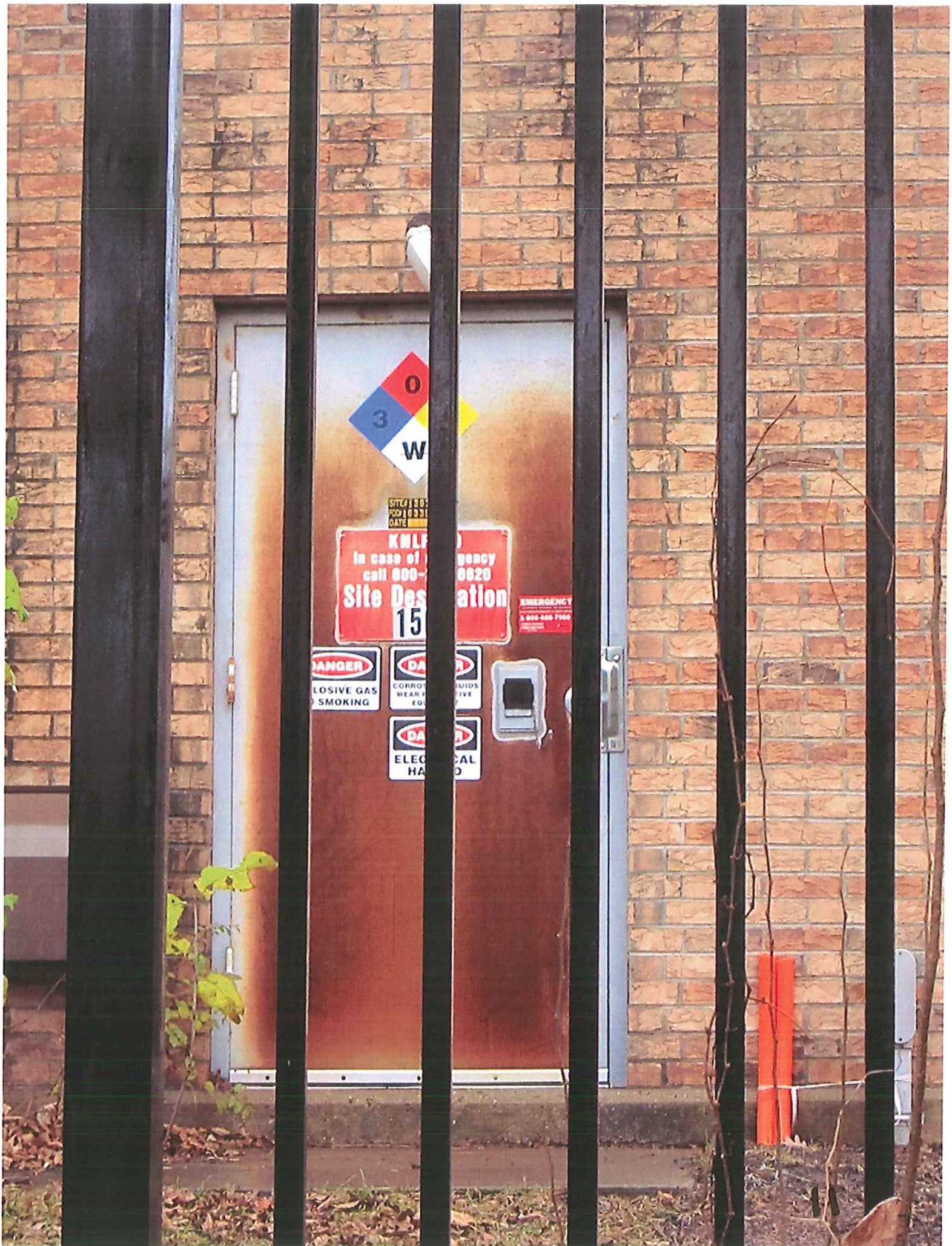
Sincerely,



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