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Mr. William H. Winters  
President  
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Dear Mr. Winters:

Reliant Energy and NOVUS Systems, Inc. have benefited a great deal from an innovative powerline trimming debris program that was developed cooperatively in 1993. NOVUS has significantly reduced Reliant's material handling costs by establishing well-located drop-off facilities around the Houston Metropolitan Area. In addition, NOVUS has developed creative markets for the end product, which ensures that the material will not be disposed of at area landfills. Since inception, the program has successfully diverted approximately 800,000 cubic yards of organic material, which ordinarily would have been disposed of at area landfills.

Reliant appreciates your ability to consistently reduce our operating costs while finding innovative and creative products to improve our local environment.

Yours Truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Steve Helm". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Steve" being more prominent than the last name "Helm".

Steve Helm  
Reliant Energy