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ComEd Continues Storm Hardening Efforts in Stickney

STICKNEY (August 12, 2014) – Under the Energy Infrastructure and Modernization Act (EIMA), ComEd is investing \$2.6 billion over 10 years to modernize the power system with digital technology and to replace, refurbish and upgrade electric equipment across northern Illinois.

As a result of this program, ComEd has improved reliability across northern Illinois. Throughout the ComEd system, grid modernization and storm hardening efforts contributed to nearly 300,000 avoided interruptions in 2013. In Stickney, ComEd is undertaking several projects to help improve reliability throughout the area. These include:

- **Installation of 10 distribution automation devices through 2013** which detect issues and re-route power often with no noticeable interruption in service.
- **Replacement of more than three miles of Ridgeland cable through 2013.** Another five miles will be replaced in 2014.
- **Replacement of more than 2,100 feet of underground cable.**

“The modernized grid is contributing to reduced outages and delivering cost savings related to outages to our customers,” said Fidel Marquez, Senior Vice-President, Governmental and External Affairs for ComEd. “We are working with officials in Stickney to identify areas where we can make the greatest impact in improving reliability and storm response. More than 500,000 customer outages were avoided throughout our system since investments began in 2012.”

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