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**Maryland**

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**In a recent application with the Maryland Public Service Commission, the companies committed to the following benefits for customers and communities in Maryland upon approval of the application as filed:**

**No Utility Job Reductions**

For at least two years there will be no net job losses in the utility operations of Potomac Edison in Maryland as a result of involuntary attrition related to the integration process of the two companies.

**Regional Headquarters in Maryland**

The company will establish a regional headquarters for Potomac Edison within the utility's Maryland service area.

**Local Presence and Decision Making**

FirstEnergy's regional management approach, which supports local decision-making authority and accountability, would be implemented at Potomac Edison after the merger. Regional presidents are in place at FirstEnergy electric utility distribution companies, and their staffs are responsible for day-to-day operations, community involvement and economic development activities.

**Ongoing Support for Local Communities**

The combined company will continue to support economic development and community initiatives for the next three years at levels that are consistent with Allegheny Energy's historic support. After that, support will continue at levels consistent with other FirstEnergy operating companies.

**Commitment to Customer Service Reliability**

The Allegheny Power utility companies will maintain service reliability standards, as currently measured, and study whether opportunities exist for improvement.

**Customer Rate Benefits**

The merger is expected to generate cost savings related to operating efficiencies and employing best practices. Savings related to utility operations would help mitigate future rate increases, as lower operating costs offset future increases.

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### **Monthly Credit for Customers**

FirstEnergy will provide a direct monthly credit for Potomac Edison residential customers in Maryland that equals 25 percent of the allowed return on the cost of providing customer generation service. This represents approximately a \$2.5 million benefit to these customers over two years.

### **Support for Competitive Markets**

FirstEnergy's competitive generation affiliate FirstEnergy Solutions will become a certified retail supplier for residential customers in Maryland and continue to actively participate in competitive retail markets, providing options that promote competition and lower prices to customers.

### **Continuation of Collective Bargaining Agreements**

The combined company will honor Allegheny Energy's collective bargaining agreements that are currently in place, including all terms and conditions of those agreements.

### **Key benefits** of the merger include:

Adjacent geographic footprints, enabling mutual support and enhanced customer service

Nearly 20,000 miles of transmission lines, with improved operation and coordination as a result of the network's larger scale and scope

Planned growth in the transmission business with major projects underway

More than 24,000 megawatts of generating capacity with a favorable environmental profile: a diverse mix of fully scrubbed baseload fossil, non-emitting nuclear, and more than 2,200 megawatts of renewable resources, including large-scale energy storage

Based on capacity, 68 percent of the combined, coal-based fleet would be highly efficient, supercritical generation compared with the national average of 28 percent

### ***Maryland Operations at a Glance:***

*Customers: 250,620*

*Employees: 379*

*Square Miles: 2,500*

### **Timing**

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### **Who is FirstEnergy?**

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FirstEnergy was formed following the 1997 merger of Ohio Edison and Centerior Energy Corporation. The company expanded across Pennsylvania and into New Jersey with the 2001 merger with GPU, Inc. These mergers have strengthened FirstEnergy, resulting in enhanced customer service reliability, improved safety performance, expanded opportunities for employees and increased investment growth potential for shareholders.

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**Pennsylvania**

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**In a recent application with the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission, the companies committed to the following benefits for customers and communities in Pennsylvania upon approval of the application as filed:**

**No Utility Job Reductions**

For at least two years there will be no net job losses at the utility operating companies as a result of involuntary attrition related to the integration process of the two companies.

**Regional Headquarters will be Located in Greensburg**

The current headquarters building of Allegheny Energy will be used as the headquarters of West Penn Power.

**Local Presence and Decision Making**

FirstEnergy's regional management approach, which supports local decision-making authority and accountability, would be implemented at West Penn Power after the merger. Regional presidents are in place at Met-Ed and Penelec, and their staffs are responsible for day-to-day operations, community involvement and economic development activities.

**New Education and Jobs Initiatives**

FirstEnergy will work with local community colleges to establish a new Power Systems Institute (PSI) program in Pennsylvania. PSI is FirstEnergy's award-winning partnership to educate and train future utility workers. There are three PSI schools currently in Pennsylvania in Oil City, Johnstown and Reading.

**Ongoing Support for Local Communities**

The combined company will continue to support economic development and community initiatives for the next three years at levels that are consistent with Allegheny Energy's historic support. After that, support will continue at levels consistent with other FirstEnergy operating companies.

**Commitment to Customer Service Reliability**

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Based on capacity, 68 percent of the combined, coal-based fleet would be highly efficient, supercritical generation compared with the national average of 28 percent

***Pennsylvania Operations\* at a Glance:***

*Customers: 2 million*

*Employees: 6,159*

*Square Miles: 32,000*

*\* Post-merger footprint based on combined figures for 2009*

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**Timing**

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For at least two years there will be no net job losses in the utility operations in West Virginia as a result of involuntary attrition related to the integration process of the two companies.

**Maintain Regional Call Center in Fairmont**

The combined company will not eliminate the Allegheny Power Customer Call Center located in Fairmont as a result of the merger integration process.

**Complete Transmission Operations Center**

The combined company will complete and staff the Fairmont transmission operations center, as currently planned.

**Local Presence and Decision Making**

FirstEnergy's regional management approach, which supports local decision-making authority and accountability, would be implemented at Monongahela Power and Potomac Edison after the merger. Regional presidents are in place at FirstEnergy electric utility distribution companies, and their staffs are responsible for day-to-day operations, community involvement and economic development activities.

**New Education and Jobs Initiatives**

FirstEnergy will work with local community colleges to bring at least one new Power Systems Institute (PSI) program to West Virginia. PSI is FirstEnergy's award-winning partnership to educate and train future utility workers. There are two similar programs currently in West Virginia in Weirton and near Charleston as well as two training partnerships that Allegheny Energy has with community and technical colleges in Fairmont and Martinsburg.

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