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ComEd Continues Storm Hardening Efforts in River Forest

RIVER FOREST (August 4, 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 River Forest, ComEd is undertaking several projects to help improve reliability throughout the area. These include:

- **Installation of 7 distribution automation devices through 2013** which detect issues and re-route power often with no noticeable interruption in service.
- **Refurbished or replacement of more than 6,600 feet of URD cable through 2014.**
- **Installation of nearly 7,600 feet of spacer cable in 2014 as part of the storm hardening program,** which is a stronger, more tree-resistant type of cable.
- **Replaced 1.4 miles of high voltage, 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 River Forest 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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