2013 Significant Electric Grid Modernization Work Completed in Evanston Area

ComEd is making infrastructure improvements in the Evanston area – part of its ongoing investment in the electric system and a result of the recently-enacted Energy Infrastructure Modernization Act.

In fact, ComEd has already completed replacing more than 11,500 feet of mainline cable to improve performance and reduce the number of customer interruptions. The cable was replaced near Custer Avenue south of Main Street; north of south boulevard; Clark Street and Maple Avenue; Central Street and Central Park; Central Street east of Ewing and west of Elm Avenue and Oakton Street and near Oakton Street and Dodge Avenue.

ComEd inspected over 180 manholes and performed vegetation maintenance on nearly 30 circuits. ComEd works closely with communities, like Evanston, to trim trees near power lines to ensure public safety and reduce service interruptions. The company trims trees located near overhead power lines on a four-year cycle. Additional tree trimming is conducted in areas that tend to have more frequent interruptions.

In addition, we performed overhead inspections of circuits on approximately 40 circuits to identify high impact corrective maintenance items to ensure reliable service; and ComEd also replaced three wood poles to improve reliability and completed inspection six wood poles.

The work is part of ComEd’s effort to provide even better reliability for area customers, prepare its system for the new demands of the 21st century economy and provide new ways for consumers to save on their energy bills.