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PJM Electric Transmission System

The PJM interconnection Board of Managers authorized \$1.2 billion in upgrades and improvements to the high-voltage electric transmission system that serves the Mid-Atlantic and all or parts of other states between the Mid-Atlantic and Chicago, Ill. The upgrades and improvements were identified as part of PJM's continuous regional planning process. The announced changes call for upgrades and improvements to transformers, substations and other transmission facilities throughout the region served by PJM.

"PJM and our members know firsthand that a strong, resilient grid is important to meet the challenging impacts of Mother Nature, such as Super Storm Sandy last year, and the ongoing, dramatic shift of generation from coal to natural gas that's resulted in the closure of many older coal plants," said Terry Boston, PJM president and CEO. "PJM's transmission improvement plan and these new upgrades address these challenges." With these changes, the PJM regional transmission plan includes more than \$24.2 billion of transmission additions and upgrades since the first plan was approved by the board in 2000. PJM Interconnection, founded in 1927, ensures the reliability of the high-voltage electric power system serving 61 million people in all or parts of Delaware, Illinois, Indiana, Kentucky, Maryland, Michigan, New Jersey, North Carolina, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Tennessee, Virginia, West Virginia and the District of Columbia. PJM coordinates and directs the operation of the region's transmission grid, which includes 62,556 miles of transmission lines; administers a competitive wholesale electricity market; and plans regional transmission expansion improvements to maintain grid reliability and r

Wind Energy

Wind energy advocates on Wednesday pleaded with Congress to renew a tax break they credit with sending turbines spinning across the U.S., amid opposition from critics who insist the industry no longer needs the help. The diverse views were delivered during a House Oversight subcommittee hearing on the production tax credit, which allows project owners to reduce tax bills by 2.3 cents for every kilowatt-hour of electricity they produce over a 10-year period. Unless Congress renews the 21-year-old production tax credit, the incentive will be limited to renewable energy projects that start construction before Dec. 31, 2013. President Barack Obama has asked Congress to permanently extend the tax credit at a price tag of \$24.7 billion over 10 years.

Electricity Pricing – Oct 8, 2013 Com Ed Average LMP Electric Price

Time Period	Average per Kwh
Oct, 2012	\$.02829
Nov, 2012	\$.03327
Dec, 2012	\$.03081
Jan, 2013	\$.03111
Feb, 2013	\$.03219
Mar, 2013	\$.03665
Apr, 2013	\$.03821
May, 2013	\$.03501
Jun, 2013	\$.03215
Jul, 2013	\$.04067
Aug, 2013	\$.03112
Sep, 2013	\$.03274
Oct 1 – Oct 7	\$.03388

Extended Temperature Forecast:

Chicago Area

	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
High	74	71	73	75	76
Low	50	52	57	59	58

