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Jersey Central Power & Light Announces Estimated Service Restoration Times by County

Morristown, N.J. – Jersey Central Power & Light (JCP&L) today announced estimated service restoration times for customers in 13 New Jersey counties hard hit by

Hurricane Irene.

“Receding flood waters coupled with steady progress in storm debris removal has

allowed us to reach many previously inaccessible areas,” said JCP&L President Donald M.

Lynch. “We have a much clearer picture today of the work necessary to return service to all of

our customers, and our restoration plan will ensure power is restored safely and

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efficiently.”

Based on current damage assessments, the following estimated restoration times have

been established for customers in the following New Jersey counties:

County	Current Out Restored Sept. 2	Restored Aug. 31	Restored Sept. 1
	and into early next week		
Monmouth	52,000 9,000	30,000	12,000
Morris	27,000 7,000	13,000	7,000
Sussex	16,000 3,000	8,000	5,000
Ocean	9,000 1,500	2,500	5,000
Hunterdon	8,000 2,500	5,000	500
Somerset	7,000 1,500	2,500	3,000
Union	5,000 1,000	3,000	1,000
Warren	5,000 1,000	1,000	3,000
Essex	4,000 900	100	3,000
Middlesex	3,000 1,500	1,000	500
Burlington	1,200 100	800	300
Passaic	1,000 200	50	750
Mercer	350 250	50	50

While most JCP&L customers will see power restored by the weekend, many of the

outages associated with Hurricane Irene are isolated and will require a significant number of

repairs to bring small numbers of customers and individual homes back in service. Areas

where heavy flooding continues or where roads are impassable will require additional time to

assess and complete repairs.

More than 1,700 FirstEnergy and JCP&L utility personnel are on the ground in New

Jersey working around the clock to return service safely and efficiently. Crews are first

addressing hazards such as the 13,000 downed power lines across the JCP&L service

territory. Also a priority is repair of lines and equipment that supply power to crucial public

safety facilities, such as hospitals, critical care and life support facilities, communications

facilities, emergency response agencies and circuits serving the largest number of customers.

Customers are cautioned never to touch a line that is on the ground or hanging from an

electrical pole. Customers should always assume downed wires are carrying electricity and

are reminded to keep their children and pets away from downed wires. Downed wires should

be reported immediately to your electric company or local police or fire department.

Customers should never try to remove trees or limbs from power lines because they could

conduct electricity. They should wait for emergency services or utility crews to arrive. To

report downed wires, JCP&L customers should call 1-888-LIGHTSS (1-888-544-4877).

For updated information on hurricane restoration news, current outages, FirstEnergy's

storm restoration process and tips for staying safe after a storm, go to www.firstenergycorp.com.

JCP&L serves 1.1 million customers in 13 New Jersey counties.

FirstEnergy (NYSE: FE) is a diversified energy company dedicated to safety, reliability and operational excellence. Its 10 electric distribution companies comprise the

nation's largest investor-owned electric system. Its diverse generating fleet features nonemitting

nuclear, scrubbed baseload coal, natural gas, and pumped-storage hydro and other

renewables, and has a total generating capacity of approximately 23,000 megawatts.

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