Current Update

- As of 7:30 a.m., Oct. 31, about 3.4 million customers were without electric service in the PJM region because of the storm, down from 4.6 million customers.

- The severity of the storm has lessened considerably allowing utility crews to continue to restore service. The precipitation has broken up with some rain lingering in northwestern Pennsylvania and eastern Ohio and some snowfall continuing in western Pennsylvania and West Virginia.

- With the winds and rain decreasing and PJM member companies making progress restoring power to customers, the number of customers without electricity is diminishing.

- Overall, the high-voltage transmission system is in good shape. There is enough generation available in the region to cover the loss of those generating stations that are out of service because of the storm.

- Many of the transmission lines and substations that are out of service because of the storm are expected to be back in service by the end of the week. There are several longer-term issues that will extend beyond week’s end, primarily due to flooding and water damage.

* A hurricane’s greatest effects on the electric power system typically are on the distribution systems rather than the high-voltage transmission system. High winds may blow down trees and branches that pull down the wires serving neighborhood homes and businesses.

PJM Interconnection, founded in 1927, ensures the reliability of the high-voltage electric power system serving 60 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 59,750 miles of transmission lines; administers a competitive wholesale electricity market; and plans regional transmission expansion improvements to maintain grid reliability and relieve congestion. Visit PJM at www.pjm.com.