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IBEW LOCAL 777 RATIFIES TWO-YEAR CONTRACT WITH MET-ED

Reading, Pa. – FirstEnergy Corp. (NYSE: FE) announced today that employees of its Metropolitan Edison Company (Met-Ed) represented by the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers (IBEW) Local 777 ratified a two-year contract agreement. Union members had been working without a contract since the previous agreement expired April 30, 2009.

The contract includes an equity adjustment of \$1.15 per hour for certain job classifications and a 1.5 percent wage increase for all other Local 777 employees in 2009. In 2010, the contract provides a 2.5 percent increase for all 777 members and an additional \$0.50 per hour increase for certain job classifications. There also are a number of work rule changes in the contract designed to provide additional operational efficiencies.

“We are pleased that a new contract has been ratified so we can all continue to focus on our most important job – providing Met-Ed customers with the high-quality service they expect and deserve,” said Donald A. Brennan, Met-Ed Regional President.

IBEW Local 777 represents 580 Met-Ed linemen, substation electricians, meter readers and support personnel in the Reading, York, Easton and Lebanon areas. Met-Ed is a subsidiary of FirstEnergy Corp. and serves more than 540,000 customers in 13 Pennsylvania counties.

FirstEnergy is a diversified energy company headquartered in Akron, Ohio. Its subsidiaries and affiliates are involved in the generation, transmission and distribution of electricity, as well as energy management and other energy-related services. Its seven electric utility operating companies, including Met-Ed, comprise the nation's fifth largest electric system, based on 4.5 million customers served within a 36,100-square-mile area of Ohio, Pennsylvania, and New Jersey; and its generation subsidiaries control more than 14,000 megawatts of capacity.

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