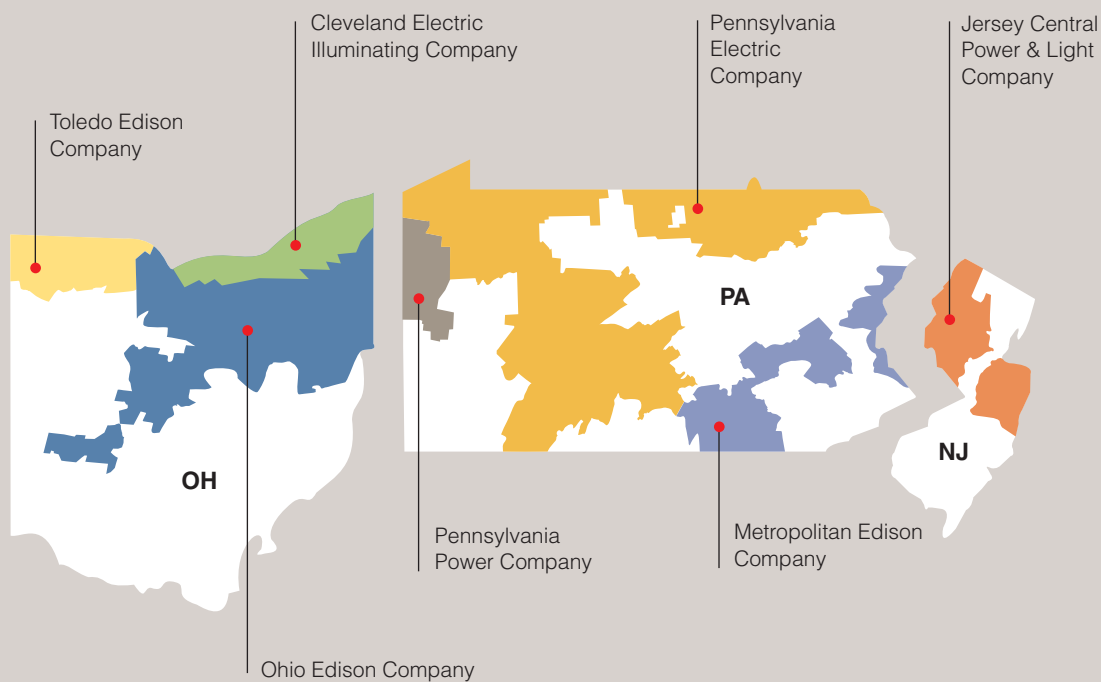


FirstEnergy Electric Utility Operating Companies



Corporate Profile

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 comprise the nation's fifth-largest investor-owned electric system, based on 4.5 million customers served within a 36,100-square-mile area of Ohio, Pennsylvania and New Jersey. Its generation subsidiaries control more than 14,000 megawatts of capacity.

On the cover: Construction nears completion on the 850-foot-tall chimney and an equipment building that are part of the \$1.7 billion air quality compliance project at our W. H. Sammis Plant in Stratton, Ohio.