

## JCP&L CONDUCTING THERMOVISION INSPECTIONS

Morristown, NJ – As part of its ongoing effort to enhance customer service, Jersey Central Power & Light (JCP&L) is conducting thermovision inspections of its electric distribution system in northern New Jersey. The inspections utilize a thermographic camera to capture infrared images that identify “hot spots” where equipment problems could lead to power outages.

“The thermovision inspections are an example of the proactive approach we are taking to enhance service reliability to our customers in New Jersey,” said Steve Morgan, president, JCP&L. “This technology helps us identify areas where preventative maintenance could help reduce the number of customers affected by power outages.”

The inspections will be conducted by Hot/Shot Infrared Inspections Inc. – a company based in Colorado. During the inspections, customers may notice a vehicle with an exterior-mounted camera near JCP&L’s electric distribution facilities. Employees of Hot/Shot will carry identification and letters of introduction from JCP&L.

The thermovision inspection program is part of JCP&L’s enhanced construction and maintenance program designed to ensure continued reliable service to customers. In the past five years, JCP&L has nearly doubled its capital spending from \$97 million in 2002 to more than \$188 million in 2007.

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

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levels of emission reductions related to the Consent Decree resolving the New Source Review litigation, adverse regulatory or legal decisions and outcomes (including, but not limited to, the revocation of necessary licenses or operating permits and oversight) by the NRC (including, but not limited to, the Demand For Information issued to FENOC on May 14, 2007) and the various state public utility commissions as disclosed in our SEC filings, the timing and outcome of various proceedings before the PUCO (including, but not limited to, the Distribution Rate Cases for the Ohio Companies and the successful resolution of the issues remanded to the PUCO by the Ohio Supreme Court regarding the Rate Stabilization Plan) and the PPUC (including the transition rate plan filings for Met-Ed and Penelec and the Pennsylvania Power Company Default Service Plan filing), the continuing availability and operation of generating units, the ability of generating units to continue to operate at, or near full capacity, the inability to accomplish or realize anticipated benefits from strategic goals (including employee workforce initiatives), the anticipated benefits from voluntary pension plan contributions, the ability to improve electric commodity margins and to experience growth in the distribution business, the ability to access the public securities and other capital markets and the cost of such capital, the outcome, cost and other effects of present and potential legal and administrative proceedings and claims related to the August 14, 2003 regional power outage, the successful structuring and completion of a potential sale and leaseback transaction for Bruce Mansfield Unit 1 currently under consideration by management, any final adjustment in the purchase price per share under the accelerated share repurchase program announced March 2, 2007, the risks and other factors discussed from time to time in our SEC filings, and other similar factors. We expressly disclaim any current intention to update any forward-looking statements contained herein as a result of new information, future events, or otherwise.

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