

JCP&L ANNOUNCES 2008 POWER SYSTEMS INSTITUTE GRADUATES

Morristown, NJ – Jersey Central Power & Light (JCP&L) and Raritan Valley Community College are pleased to announce the Power Systems Institute (PSI) Class of 2008.

PSI is an award-winning, two-year educational program designed by JCP&L's parent company FirstEnergy Corp. to prepare the next generation of utility line and substation workers. The program allows graduates to earn an Associate of Applied Science degree with a focus on electric utility technology.

The 2008 lines program graduates are: William F. Ackerman, Bangor, PA; Nicholas R. Belgioso, Toms River, NJ; Gerald A. Fruholtz, Blairstown, NJ; Travis A. Kibbe, West Long Branch, NJ; Richard S. Kirchok, Washington, NJ; Michael D. Stoll, Brick, NJ; and Terrence S. Tyler, New Brunswick, NJ. Graduates of the substation program are: Kevin M. Bada, Pemberton, NJ; Dan R. Fritz, Branchburg, NJ; and Joel A. Jones, Neptune, NJ.

“It's my pleasure to congratulate our PSI graduates and to announce that all 10 are the newest members of the JCP&L workforce,” said Steve Morgan, president of JCP&L. “The PSI program plays an important role in our workforce development initiatives, and we look forward to welcoming future graduates.”

In addition to learning the skills necessary for becoming an electric utility worker, students also completed academic courses, including economics, applied physics and English composition. Students received first aid and CPR certifications and a Class A Commercial Driver's License. Qualified PSI students are eligible to receive free tuition, including college fees, books and required protective clothing.

In addition to Raritan Valley Community College, PSI is also offered at Brookdale Community College in Lincroft, NJ, and nine other colleges across

FirstEnergy's service area. More information on PSI is available at FirstEnergy's web site, www.firstenergycorp.com. Click on Career Center and then select Technical Training-PSI, or call 1-800-829-6801.

JCP&L serves 1.1 million customers in 13 New Jersey counties. JCP&L's service area includes all or portions of the counties of Burlington, Essex, Hunterdon, Mercer, Middlesex, Monmouth, Morris, Ocean, Passaic, Somerset, Sussex, Union and Warren.

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