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## PSE&G Underground Electric Facility Upgrade in Essex and Union Counties Work to occur in the Cities of Newark and Elizabeth

(February 5, 2013 – Newark, NJ) Public Service Electric & Gas Co. (PSE&G), New Jersey's largest utility, is upgrading and replacing a portion of an underground electric transmission circuit in Essex and Union Counties. The circuit, which runs through Elizabeth and Newark, connects the utility's Bayway Switching Station in Elizabeth to its Federal Square Substation in Newark. Construction activities along the 7.2 mile of this circuit will occur between Bayway Switching Station and Frontage Road in Newark and will be completed between February 2013 and May 2013, with the majority of work occurring from February to April. The purpose of this infrastructure upgrade is to continue to ensure safe, reliable utility service for area residents and business owners. During this period, utility service to PSE&G customers will continue as usual.

Initial work may begin in both communities as early as February 13 and should be complete by May 31:

Work will be occurring in the following areas:

- Elizabeth: Trenton Ave, Doyle St, Erie St, 3<sup>rd</sup> St, Dowd Ave and Routes 1&9 (Spring St)
- Newark: Varies locations on Route 1&9 Southbound between Elizabeth and Frontage Rd

To expedite this work, PSE&G has scheduled extended work hours Monday through Friday, with some 24hr. and/or weekend work expected during certain aspects of the project. It should be noted that the construction dates and scheduled work hours identified are tentative and subject to minimal variations due to the construction process. No major road closings are expected, however lane closures and/or detours will be necessary during construction. Motorists may want to travel an alternate route until the work is completed. Local police will be on site at all times to oversee new traffic patterns. Interruptions will be kept to a minimum, and PSE&G regrets any inconvenience the project may cause.

For everyone's safety, PSE&G crews use work area protection including local police department traffic management assistance, traffic cones, barriers, utility work signage, and flaggers, providing safety measures for project completion. The utility reminds motorists to slow down and be alert when driving past a PSE&G jobsite.

Public Service Electric and Gas Company (PSE&G) is New Jersey's oldest and largest regulated gas and electric delivery utility, serving nearly three-quarters of the state's population. PSE&G is the winner of the ReliabilityOne Award for superior electric system reliability. PSE&G is a subsidiary of Public Service Enterprise Group Incorporated (PSEG) (NYSE:PEG), a diversified energy company (www.pseg.com).