## Met-Ed: A FirstEnergy Company June 20-23 2016

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## The iBb Educator Internship seeks to...

Support the PA career education and work standards.

 Educate participants of occupation opportunities, education/training, marketable skills, and abilities needed to obtain and maintain successful employment.

 Allow educators to better prepare students for tomorrow's workforce by developing necessary job readiness skills.



## **Met-Ed Learning Experience**

#### Monday –June 20, 2016

- Human Resources
- •Human Services/Compliance and Revenue operations
- •Customer Contact Center –Training Center and Tour

#### Tuesday - June 21, 2016

- •Met-Ed Cafeteria Manager/Chef
- First Energy Environmental Department
- Distribution Generation Program
- Engineering, Reliability and Asset Management

#### Wednesday - June 22, 2016

- FirstEnergy Economic Development
- Corporate Communication/Media Relations
- Distribution System Operations Center
- Community Involvement/Energy Ed.

#### Thursday - June 23, 2016

- Information Technology Services
- Line/Operations Department/Lineman Training Program

### First Energy (Met-Ed) Facts at a Glance:

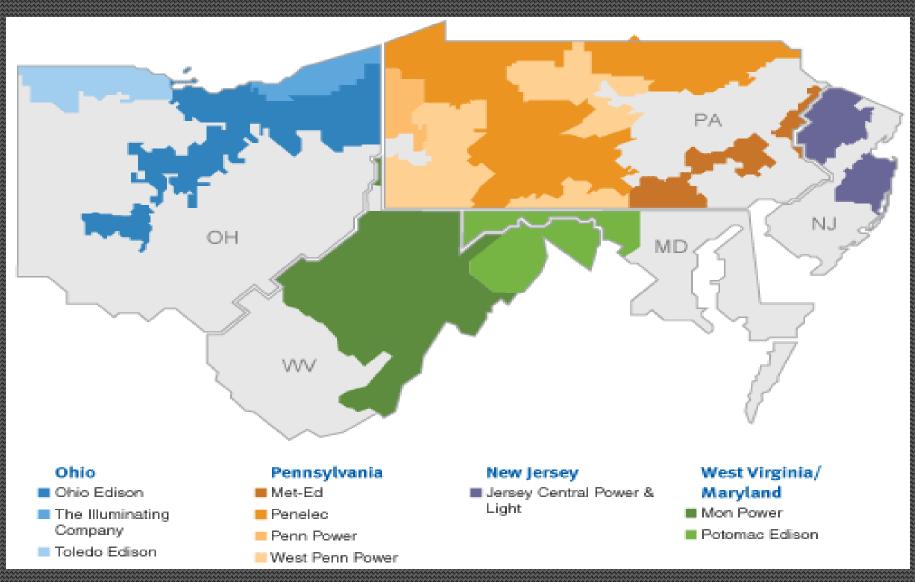
- Six million customers.
- Service territory spans 65,000 miles & six states.
- Approximately 24,000 miles of transmission lines.
- Nearly 17,000 megawatts of generating capacity.
- \$10 billion invested in environmental protection efforts since 1970.
- Nearly 100% of power plants are low or non-emitting.
- One of largest wind power providers in the region.
- \$52 billion in assets.
- \$15 billion in annual revenues.
- 15,000 employees.

### **ABOUT MET-ED**

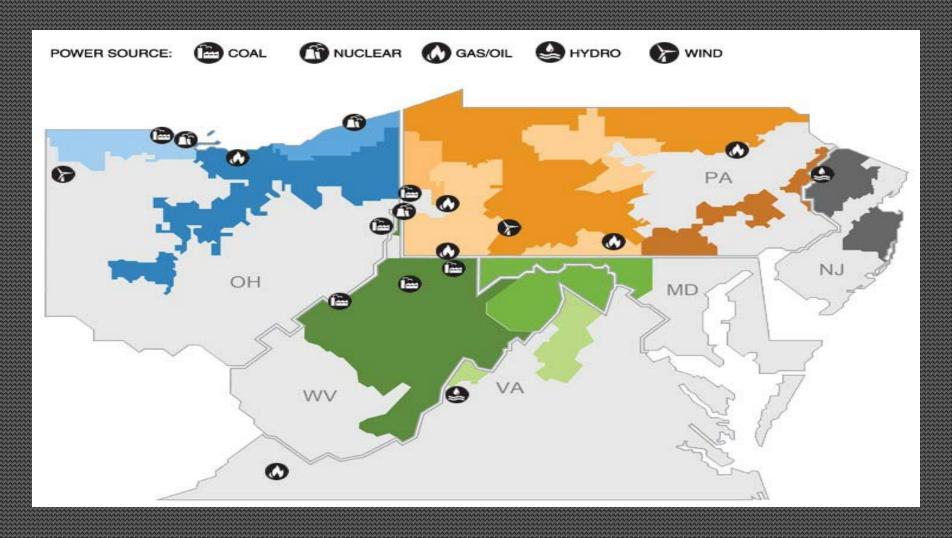
Met-Ed is a part of First Energy.

- It is 1 of the 10 distribution companies that form the US's largest electric systems.
- First Energy serves 6 million customers from the Ohio-Indiana border to the New Jersey shore.
- The companies operate a vast infrastructure of more than 194,000 miles of distribution lines which provides customers with service.

### Map of First Energy Companies



First Energy's generation subsidiaries control nearly 17,000 megawatts of capacity- utilizing 99% clean, low emitting generation .



### First Energy in the Community: "The Greater Good is Better Business".

#### **Corporate Programs:**

Harvest for Hunger: FirstEnergy employees donate more than 2.7 million meals in 2016.

- <u>United Way</u>: Since 2001, FirstEnergy Foundation and employees contributed nearly \$35 million to United Way campaigns in Ohio, Pennsylvania and New Jersey.
- <u>FirstEnergy Foundation</u>: contributions to local nonprofit organizations help strengthen the social and economic fabric of our communities.

#### **Education:**

- Free supplemental resources to schools.
- Educational Grants for Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM Grants).

### **Classroom:**

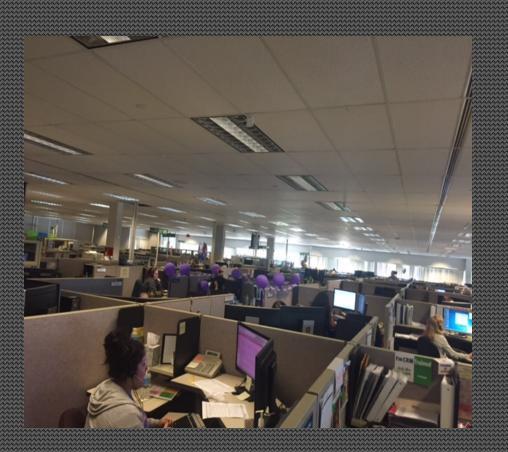
- <u>Electric Avenue</u>: interactive site offers information on electrical safety, energy sources and energy efficiency and is an excellent classroom resource. Electric Avenue also contains fun, energy-related games and facts for all grade levels.
- <u>Educational Advisory Committee</u>: consists of a panel of educators and school administrators that meet each year to discuss FirstEnergy's educational goals.

# Career paths at Met-Ed

Customer service, Engineering, Line and Substation, Corporate.

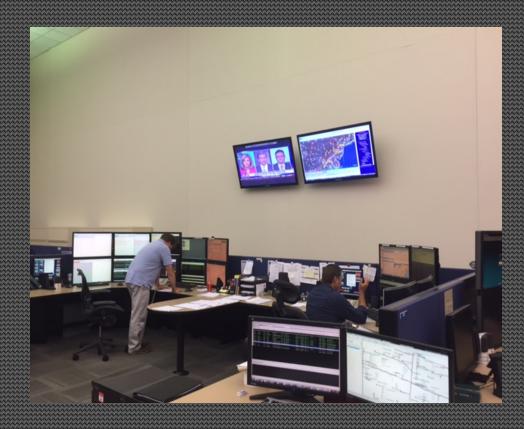
## **Customer service**

**Entry level positions** - Call Center Customer Support, Customer Billing, Collections, Regulated Account Management, Business Analysts.



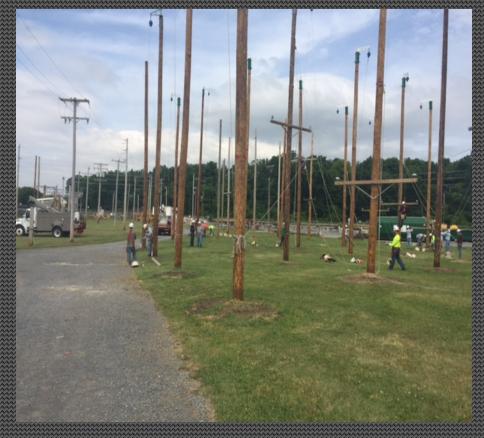


Electrical Engineering, Mechanical Engineering, Nuclear Engineering, Civil Engineering, Chemical Engineering, Environmental Engineering



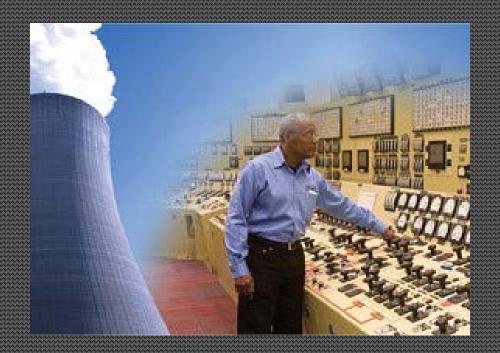
# Line and Substation

Line workers and Substation Electricians- Successful completion of the Journeyman Lineman Apprenticeship program. Participants earn status of Certified Electrician.





Qualified applicants for these positions will possess an applicable 2-year technical degree, or the equivalent experience, and must pass the Edison Electric Institute's (EEI) POSS/MASS test





Accounting, Business Analysis, Human Resources, Information Technology, Finance, Supply Chain Management



# Chef Support & Staff



# **Expectations of potential candidates:**

- High School Diploma
  Math and Reading Skills
  Basic Computer Skills
  Verbal Communication Skills / Articulation
  Written Communication Skills
- Problem Solving Skills
- Ability to Problem Solve

Reliability

- Consistent Attendance
- Team Work / Dynamics
- Ability to understand and follow corporate rules and regulations
- Safety Conscious
- AccountabilityWilling to Learn

## Synthesis of Skills Needed for Workforce Entry

Human Resources stated that during the interview process, all candidates must:

Be timely! Sell themselves. Have good "eye contact" Provide professional references. STAR –situational, experience and reaction

## Salary Ranges/Benefits for Entry-Level Positions

- Union wage scales determined by IBEW Local 777
- Wages are hourly and include overtime scale wages
- *Examples* of hourly wages include:
  - Customer contact employee- \$11.00 +
  - Meter reader \$24.99
  - Material handler \$30.28
  - Lineman 1st year apprentice- \$24.77
  - Tractor Trailer Operator- \$29.71Mechanic apprentice -\$24.92

# First Energy/Met-Ed's Greatest Assets

Diversity of job opportunities.

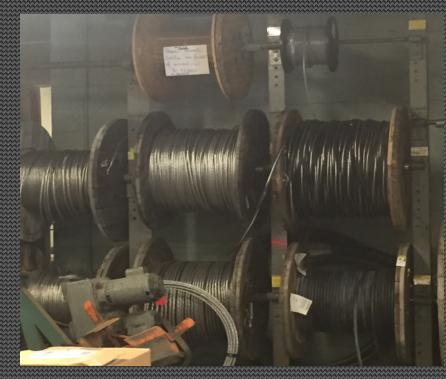
- First Energy/Met-Ed's dedication towards their employees.
- Ability for career advancement within the corporation.
- Paths for on-the job training, college education.
- Associate degree, Bachelor, and Continuing Education with tuition incentives and on-site courses.
- Priority on Environmental issues & impact.
- Actively initiate and participate in their communities in addition to participating in initiatives for civic, economic and social well-being.

## First Energy/Met-Ed's Greatest Challenges:

- Increasing energy efficiency technologies.
- Customer-centered, regulated growth.
- Commitment to safety, reliability and operational excellence through dedicated, competent employees.
- Developing cleaner energy resources, smarter technology in a cost effective manner.
- Working in cooperation with State and Federal guidelines.
- Cost impact of aging systems.
- Environmental impact on electric generation.

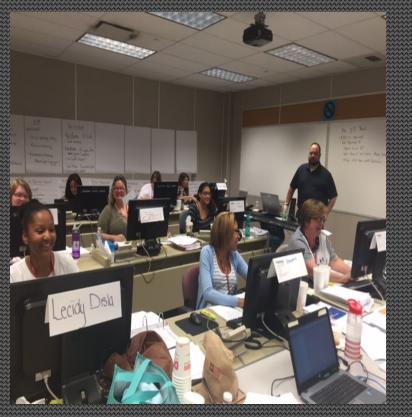
**First Energy/Met-Ed is Meeting Their Challenges:** By continuing to upgrade technology and equipment



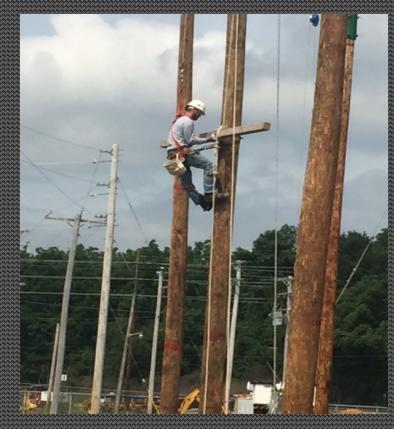


Meeting Challenges: developing and offering continued education and on-site training programs to employees.

## • Call Center Training:



### Power Systems Institute:



# **Diverse Technology Utilized by Met-Ed**

Met-Ed utilizes technology in almost every aspect of their operation.

### Customer Call Centers

The Distribution System Operations Center

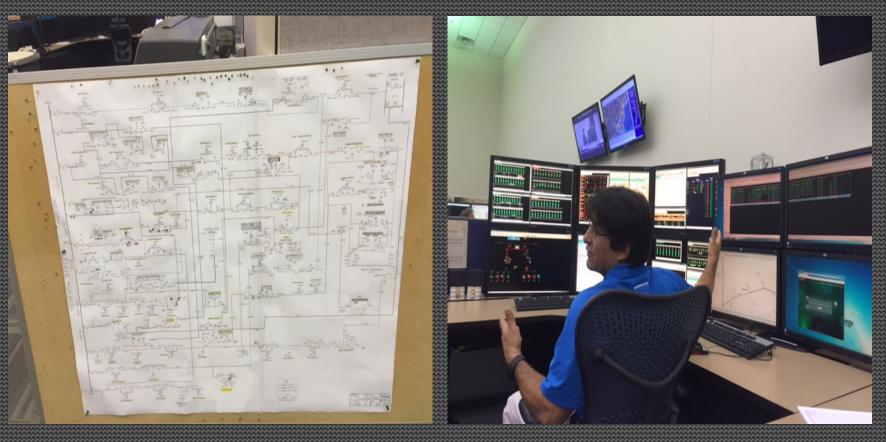
- Service Vehicles which are now all equipped with computers
- The new "smart meter" technology for gathering customer usage.
- The distribution of electricity
- Meteorology data collection
- Environmental impact and economic development

The list goes on and on.....

## **Tracking Energy Outages**

### Tracking Power Outages Prior to "SAIDI"

### Today, through SAIDI program -power outages average only 1-2 hours!



# Project Abstract

Students will complete a career interest inventory, research related career fields, and complete an analysis of jobs in the field.

### • PA Career and Work Standards:

- Career Awareness and Preparation-Relate Careers to Individual Interests, Abilities, and Aptitudes
- Career Awareness and Preparation-Analyze How the Changing Roles of Individuals in the Workplace Relate To New Opportunities Within Career Choices

### Content Area Academic Standards:

- ASCA National Model C:Bi Acquire Career Information
- ASCA National Model C:C1 Acquire Knowledge to Achieve Career Goals

# Summary of iBb Experience

The three most important items that I learned:

The vast variety of career opportunities at Met-Ed.
The opportunity for advancement and continuing education offered through Met-Ed.
The involvement and support of the community given by Eigen by Eigen

First Energy –Met-Ed

### Also I now recognize – These are UTILITY POLES, not telephone poles!



Overall I had a GREAT experience. Thank you iBb, Met-Ed and Terry Gilman.