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Readout of the President’s Meeting with Electric Utility CEOs and their Trade Associations

Today, the President, joined by senior members of his response team, attended a meeting with electric utility executives and trade association representatives at the Department of Energy to discuss lessons learned during the response to Hurricane Sandy, as well as discuss ongoing preparations for the 2013 hurricane season which begins June 1st. In the meeting, the President thanked the utility executives for their efforts during the response to Hurricane Sandy and noted the strong working relationship demonstrated between industry and the federal government as companies worked to restore power to millions of customers in Mid-Atlantic and Northeastern States, including the resources and personnel shared to assist these efforts by a number of companies who were outside of the affected region. The President discussed that in the wake of major disasters like Hurricane Sandy extended power outages can have major impacts on communities and recovery efforts, and that beyond the lifesaving and life sustaining efforts which are the immediate priority in any response, one of the most important steps is power restoration.

In the meeting, utility executives discussed lessons learned during the Hurricane Sandy response that the industry and the federal government can apply to large power restoration efforts in the future. The President thanked them for their partnership in these efforts and for their work with his emergency response team to coordinate and share best practices. He made clear that his administration is committed to working closely with industry on suggestions that could further improve future response efforts.

At the meeting the President was joined by Senior Advisor Valerie Jarrett, Deputy Chief of Staff Alyssa Mastromonaco, Deputy Assistant to the President for Energy and Climate Change Heather Zichal, Acting Secretary of Energy Daniel Poneman, Assistant Secretary for Electricity Delivery and Energy Reliability Patricia Hoffman, Deputy Assistant Secretary of Energy Bill Bryan, Administrator of the U.S. Energy Information Administration Adam Sieminski and other members of his response team.

A list of attendees is below:

Tom Kuhn	EEl
David Owens	EEl
Brian Wolff	EEl
Jo Ann Emerson	NRECA
Joe Nipper	APPA
Joy Ditto	APPA
Jim Burpee	Canadian Electric Association
Nick Akins	AEP
Tony Alexander	FirstEnergy
John Bilda	Norwich, CT
Kevin Burke	ConEd
Mel Coleman	North Arkansas Electric Corp.
Chris Crane	Exelon
Anita Decker	BPA
Ken DeFontes	BGE
Leo Denault	Entergy
Charles Freni	Central Hudson
Mark Gabriel	WAPA
Lew Hay	NextEra Energy
Tom King	National Grid
Bob Kump	Iberdrola
Ralph LaRossa	PSE&G
Ron Litzinger	Southern California Edison
Len McMillan	Hydro One
Lee Olivier	NSTAR



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