Facts about PSEG Long Island's FEMA Electric Circuit Improvement Project
Town of Islip

PSEG Long Island is committed to delivering best-in-class system reliability to our customers and to hardening the system to better withstand extreme weather like Superstorm Sandy. Strengthening key electric circuits in your neighborhood will improve the reliability of the electric grid for thousands of our customers. We are working closely with local officials on this project, keeping them informed and working to minimize potential disruptions.

Funding from Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA)
This project is funded through the FEMA Hazard Mitigation Assistance Program, which was established to harden electrical distribution infrastructure against future storm damage and help restore power more quickly.

Project Description and Benefits
Specifically, we will:

- Replace existing wire with more weather-resistant wire
- Install new and more durable poles in several locations
- Install and/or replace switching equipment to help reduce the number of customers affected by an outage

Project Route
The route will cover approximately 2 miles along an electric main line circuit. PSEG Long Island crews will be working on the following streets in Brentwood and North Bay Shore, Town of Islip:

- East Drive between Walter Street and Crooked Hill Road
- Wicks Road between Walter Street and Leahy Avenue
- St. Andrews Drive between Marshall Avenue and Crooked Hill Road
- Marshall Avenue between St. Andrews Drive and Clark Street
- Clark Street between Marshall Avenue and Eisenhower Avenue
- Emjay Boulevard between Eisenhower Avenue and Suffolk Avenue
- Suffolk Avenue between Eisenhower Avenue and Wicks Road

In addition, switching equipment will be replaced at:

- Walter Street between Wicks Road and Henderson Place
- Suffolk Avenue and Eisenhower Avenue

When will the work take place?
PSEG Long Island crews will generally work Monday – Saturday, 7:300 a.m. – 5:00 p.m., with limited evening and Sunday work. No work will be done on major national holidays.

Who is doing the actual work?
PSEG Long Island licensed and approved contractors.

Will the project include tree trimming?

Trees growing near power lines significantly increase the chance of power outages and pose safety risks. As we expand and improve our electric circuits, we will trim trees, where necessary, following our utility best practice model (ANSI A300 standards as well as the Best Management Practices Tree Pruning publication): 8 feet to each side; 12 feet above; and 10 feet below the conductor.

What size and where will the poles be located?
The new poles will be approximately the same height as existing poles, have a stronger base and will be placed about two-to-three feet from the current pole locations. PSEG Long Island will actively coordinate the removal of old poles with other utilities and municipalities.

Will there be any traffic interruptions?
There will be minor traffic interruptions related to this work. To ensure traffic moves safely, PSEG Long Island licensed and approved contractors will provide cones, flagmen and signage at the work site, as needed, to minimize interruptions.

Will there be any power outages?
PSEG Long Island anticipates some localized, intentional, short-duration power outages related to this project. All affected customers will be notified in advance of any power outage.

What is the timeline for the project?
This project will start in December 2016 and will take approximately three months to complete.