

1. What is Met-Ed going to do to improve our service?

Response: The following projects will improve service reliability to Met-Ed customers residing within Stroudsburg Borough (“Borough”).

2018

- Move the Borough’s source from the Water Gap substation 107 line to the Stroudsburg 610 line. For the period 2015-18, the Stroudsburg 610 line delivered reliability performance greater than 90% better than the Water Gap 107 line. The Borough should experience better reliability from implementing this change. This change also establishes two feeds into the Borough, with the 610 line as the primary distribution feed and the 107 line as the backup feed. Providing for two distribution sources into the Borough will provide for quicker restoration through circuit switching when needed. Construction is expected to begin on 7/23/18 and is anticipated to be complete and in service by 8/24/18.
- Pursue an alternate source to the Borough through a circuit tie with PPL Electric Utilities.

2019

- Install a remotely operated circuit tie between the Stroudsburg substation 610 and 693 distribution lines. This change makes both Stroudsburg substation circuits available to serve the Borough with the ability to remotely and more quickly connect the Borough to the alternate distribution circuit if necessary.
- Replace 8,000 feet of problematic three-phase spacer cable on Stroudsburg substation’s 610 line.
- Replace 2,600 feet of problematic three-phase aerial cable located within the Borough on the portion of the 107 line which will be now included as part of the 610 line.

2. How much in additional funds will Met-Ed allocate to improve transmission lines?

Response: Transmission lines include circuits operating at 69 kilovolts (“kV”) and higher. Transmission system reliability has not been a factor in the Borough’s service reliability. Service outages within the Borough are due to outages occurring on 34.5 kV sub-transmission and 4.8 kV distribution circuits. The reliability improvement projects defined above address these issues by moving the Borough’s service from the 4.8 kV distribution system and providing a looped source from two substations that are fed from completely separate and independent 34.5 kV sub-transmission sources. See the response to question 1 for planned reliability improvement projects.

3. How many linemen did Met-Ed have 15 years ago to service Monroe County and how many does Met-Ed have now?

Response: At year end 2003, the Stroudsburg line shop was staffed with fifteen lineworkers. Currently, the line shop has seventeen lineworkers.

4. How much did Met-Ed spend on tree trimming 15 years ago and how many years were in the cycle in Monroe County?

Response: Met-Ed's actual spend for vegetation management in 2005¹ was \$10.6 million. Met-Ed performed vegetation management on a four-year cycle, including within its Monroe County service territory.

5. How much does Met-Ed spend now and how many years are in the cycle?

Response: Met-Ed's 2018 budget for vegetation management is \$23.4 million. Met-Ed still performs vegetation management on a four-year cycle.

¹ Information prior to 2005 is not readily available.