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Mon Power to spend \$60 million on improvements

Making improvements



A Mon Power lineman replaces a transformer in Lewis County after last June's wind storm. Staff photo by Jim Davis.

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FAIRMONT — Mon Power, a subsidiary of FirstEnergy Corp., plans to spend about \$60 million in 2013 on upkeep and improvements to the electrical system in its 34-county service area, mostly in North Central West Virginia.

The company will spend \$11 million to provide electrical service to new residential and commercial customers in the area, according to FirstEnergy spokesman Todd Meyers. "We're always talking with our customers and trying to figure out what their plans for expansion might be," he said.

For some industrial or large commercial customers, the company needs a year lead time to prepare new power connections.

More than \$3 million will go to inspecting and replacing distribution poles in the MonPower service area.

Inspection is an ongoing process, according to Meyers.