

Beginning today, (9/18), weather permitting, Chesapeake Bay Helicopters (CBH) will be mobilizing to The Illuminating Company region to begin performing routine patrols on all Illuminating Company transmission lines, 138kV – 345kV. These inspections are expected to take approximately one and a half weeks to complete, however any storm or outage-related patrols could prolong completion. The helicopter to be used is as follows:

- Gray, Hughes MD500 with blue registration numbers N748CB – see photo

A routine visual patrol is a general inspection of the structures, conductors, and all associated hardware on the transmission line(s) where the onboard inspector is looking for any outstanding issues or immediate threats to the reliability of the transmission line(s). The helicopter may also be seen hovering and/or circling to get a closer look at any problems that may be found during these patrols. It should be noted that the contractor has been authorized to patrol the transmission circuits in their entirety (i.e. "breaker-to-breaker"), so patrols on certain lines may therefore extend into the neighboring regions.

