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## **NEWS RELEASE**

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#### **CHARLES INDUSTRIES IMPROVES SAFETY OF COMMONWEALTH EDISON'S ELECTRICAL DISTRIBUTION WITH CP212 SECONDARY POWER PEDESTAL**

**ROLLING MEADOWS, IL (July 19, 2012)** — Charles Industries, a leading provider of innovative enclosed solutions for communication and power distribution, has announced that ComEd, a leading provider of electric utility services in the Midwest, has approved the CP212 Secondary Electrical Distribution Pedestal. The CP212 is the power industry's first non-metallic pedestal to comply with ComEd's comprehensive secondary power pedestal requirements (ENC-6001-C), improving safety for both the general public and ComEd technicians.

This specification provides the most stringent requirements for safety and secure access in a non-metallic solution, which will avoid the conductive and corrosive risks of traditional metallic solutions. "Charles Industries was recommended by a joint-trench telecommunication partner for its expertise, flexibility and broad manufacturing capabilities," commented Curt Schultz, Distribution Material Specialist for ComEd. "As we defined our requirements, Charles launched into design and development that delivered the required functionality at the appropriate cost points to enhance the safety of our distribution facilities."

The CP212 meets ComEd's rigorous safety requirements and completely eliminates any metallic hardware from conducting electricity from the interior to the exterior of the pedestal. In addition, it provides a split-base design that reduces technician labor for re-entry. "Leveraging the strength of our Telecom enclosures and materials, we were able to develop a premier solution to expand our product portfolio into Electric Utility power distribution facilities," stated Minesh Patel, Vice President of Charles' Outside Plant Business Unit.

Charles has served the Utility market for many years with products that enabled internal communications and smart grid applications. The company's 360-80 Channel Bank plays a vital role in SCADA applications, and its CUBE enclosures provide robust environmental protection against the elements for remote communication gear and electronics.

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**About Charles Industries, Ltd.**

2012 marks Charles Industries' 44th year as a privately held, diversified manufacturing and technology company serving telecommunications, wireless, CATV, marine and industrial markets. Founded in 1968, the company is ISO 9001:2000 and TL 9000, headquartered in Rolling Meadows, Illinois with four U.S.-based manufacturing centers. For further information, please visit [www.charlesindustries.com](http://www.charlesindustries.com) or call (847) 806-6300.

**About ComEd**

Commonwealth Edison Company (ComEd) is a unit of Chicago-based Exelon Corporation (NYSE: EXC), the nation's leading competitive energy provider, with approximately 6.6 million customers. ComEd provides service to approximately 3.8 million customers across northern Illinois, or 70 percent of the state's population.