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UPDATE 2-Exelon Pa. Limerick 1 reactor shut

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NEW YORK, March 24 (Reuters) - Exelon Corp's (EXC.N: [Quote](#), [Profile](#), [Research](#)) 1,134-megawatt Unit 1 at the Limerick nuclear power station in Pennsylvania shut from full power on March 22, the company said in a release.

The shutdown occurred due to a problem with the main turbine control system on the electrical distribution side of the plant. In the release, the company said operators were making repairs.

A spokesman for the plant said he could not comment on when the unit would return due to competitive reasons.

Electricity traders guessed the unit would return within a week.

The 2,268 MW Limerick station is located in Pottstown in Montgomery County about 40 miles northwest of Philadelphia. The station has two 1,134 MW units, numbered 1 and 2, which entered service in 1986 and 1990.

Unit 2 continued to operate at full power.

One MW powers about 800 homes in Pennsylvania.

Exelon, of Chicago, owns and operates more than 38,000 MW of generating capacity, markets energy commodities, and transmits and distributes electricity to about 5.4 million customers in northern Illinois and southeast Pennsylvania and natural gas to about 480,000 in the Philadelphia area. (Reporting by Scott DiSavino; Editing by Christian Wiessner)

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