Saturday
November 14, 2026

Today
Clouds & sun; chilly:
44/37

Sunday
Clouds & sun; chilly:
46/34

Monday
Mostly sunny:
50/32

FORECAST: D8

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LOCAL IMPACT

AES Ohio to boost power line capacity with sensors

Technology will improve efficiency of energy distribution.

Michael Kurtz
Staff Writer

AES Ohio executives said new technology could help the company reduce energy transmission and infrastructure costs without requiring massive construction expenses by getting more out of existing lines.

Known as Dynamic Line Ratings, the system gives AES Ohio more accurate data on how existing lines function including during peak times or outages, allowing distribution to be channeled to higher- or lower-use pathways, and potentially reducing the amount of line needing replacement.

"One of the things we can't do in Ohio is build generation. What we do have is the distribution and transmission network," said Tom Raga, president of AES Ohio. "If our part is the transmission, how can we do it more efficiently?"

According to AES Ohio, Dynamic Line Ratings can lower customer costs by:

■ Relieving transmission congestion: Dynamic Line Ratings use real-time weather and environmental data (like wind and ambient temperature) to safely increase power flow on existing lines by 15% to 50% compared to conservative static ratings. By smoothing bottlenecks, it lowers locational marginal prices (LMPs) and expensive congestion fees.

■ Deferring costly infrastructure: Expanding grid capacity through Dynamic Line Ratings (costing roughly $45,000 per mile) avoids or delays the need to build brand-new transmission lines or reconductor existing ones, which can cost anywhere from $590,000 to millions per mile and get passed down to ratepayers.

■ Lowering generation costs: Allowing more low-cost or renewable energy to traverse existing pathways reduces the reliance on more expensive peak-generation plants.



Technicians install Dynamic Line Ratings sensors on power lines in Indiana. CONTRIBUTED

The system involves deploying a series of sensors along three different capacity transmission lines to identify bottlenecks, monitor weather-related impacts and other

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TOP STATE STORY

Firearms bill passes in House, Senate

SB 214 removes some guns, suppressors from ordnance list.

Avery Kreemer
Staff Writer

In their first legislative session since the election, Ohio lawmakers voted Tuesday, Nov. 10, to remove firearm suppressors, short-barrel shotguns and short-barrel rifles from the state's dangerous ordnance list and instead treat them as ordinary firearms.

The House passed Senate Bill 214 by a 69-27 vote with support from a handful of Democrats, and the Senate concurred with a 21-9 party-line vote on Tuesday. The bill now heads to the desk of outgoing Ohio Gov. Mike DeWine for final approval.

The legislature's move follows loosened provisions from Congress and a federal court decision that Republicans said made it unclear where Ohio law stood on these items.

Under current Ohio law, Ohioans can legally own and use suppressors and short-barrel firearms as long as those items were registered in a database maintained by the federal government.

But Congress' so-called "One Big Beautiful Bill" removed taxes on the transfer and production of suppressors, short-barrel shotguns, and short-barrel rifles. An effect of that decision, a federal court ruled, is that Congress also gave up the government's

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TOP INTERNATIONAL STORY

Microsoft makes progress restoring email during global outage

Company says it does not suspect cyberattack to blame for disruption.

Chan Ho-Him and Kelvin Chan
Associated Press

Microsoft said progress is being made in bringing its popular workplace software back online as a global outage enters its second day, disrupting business communications, police crime reporting, court operations, AI tools and many other services.

The outage, which affected a wide range of Microsoft 365 services including Outlook, Teams and AI assistant Copilot, left people, institutions and businesses across the world without access to email and other platforms.

Microsoft said it was making headway as it tried to restore services Friday, Nov. 13.

"We're seeing encouraging recovery progress, with service availability and email delivery performance improving across a growing portion of affected Microsoft 365 infrastructure," the company said, as some users started reporting that their email service was restored.

The company reported "broader improvements" in North America and "sustained improvements across much of Europe," as well as "encouraging recovery signals" in the Asia-Pacific region.

Users may have "intermittent access issues or delayed email delivery as mitigation progresses across the remaining affected infrastructure," Microsoft said.

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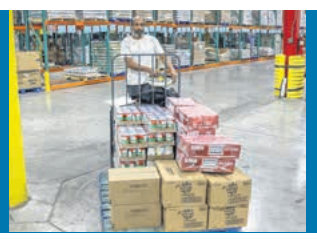


The Microsoft Visitor Center at the company's headquarters in Redmond, Wash. A worldwide outage affected services including Outlook, Teams and AI assistant Copilot. LINDSEY WASSON / AP

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