Most electricity restored

Electrical service was restored by midday Monday to the West Side medical complex and virtually all buildings blacked out by the fire at a Commonwealth Edison Co. facility.

William Travers of Edison said that only 15 residences and businesses were without power 10 hours after the special-alarm fire raged through the generating plant at 1111 W. Cermak, affected by the blaze.

He said power had been cut off only to administrative and laboratory areas at the hospitals, not to patient-care areas.

Academic and administrative buildings at the University of Illinois Hospital also had briefly been blacked out, a spokesman said.

At the height of the blackout, 2,000 customers were without power.