

Executive Director Report

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2019 MEUA 89th Annual Conference: Woodcliff Hotel & Spa in Fairport, NY

Thank you to the MEUA Membership & Corporate Sponsors who attended and participated in the MEUA's Annual Conference in Fairport, NY—September 10th - 13th.

Kudos to Owen McIntee, his wife Karen, Pam Gilbert and the Village of Spencerport, for all the work they did on the conference for the delegates and non-delegate participants.



Village of Spencerport, 2019 Annual Conference Banquet Dinner

Brent Bodine, Penn Yan, finished his term on the Executive Committee by fulfilling his seven-year term. Brent, who was a member of the LTA Negotiations Committee, worked efficiently and the membership thanks him for his commitment.

During the Annual Meeting, the membership voted to reduce the number of Executive Committee members from seven to five.

The current Executive Committee is as follows:

- Andrew Thompson, Westfield- President
- Bill Whitfield, Wellsville- President-Elect
- Nancy Mitchell, Hamilton- Treasurer
- Owen McIntee, Spencerport- Secretary
- Larry Kilburn, Arcade- Trustee

Congratulations to the Executive Committee members. I know they have the association's best interests at heart and will continue to operate in the best interests of the MEUA Membership.

Assemblyman Phillip A. Palmesano, 132nd District, was our speaker at the opening night's reception and dinner. The assemblyman spoke on the state's energy policy for the future.

Wednesday's opening morning session included a financial update from Bill Whitfield showing that the MEUA's finances continue to be strong.

The 2020 Budget was reviewed and this budget once again keeps membership dues at the current levels.

Rick Gonzales, NYISO Chief Operating Officer, presented and gave updates on the NYISO, the state's clean energy policy, and current congestion issues we are faced with in New York State. Rick also discussed reliability and having a greener grid. The summer operations were reviewed including the two hot weather periods, July 18-21st and July 29-30th.



Rick Gonzales, NYISO Senior Vice President & Chief Operating Officer

Electric Vehicles and peak demand impacts were discussed along with energy storage capacities.

A panel discussion featured our consultants Jim Lahtinen, Chris Wentlent, Ken Podolny, James Brew, and Kevin Brocks addressing energy issues and was very interesting. Topics covered included Climate Leadership & Community Protection

Act, Wholesale Markets vs State Mandates, Capacity Markets, the new LTA Agreement, the annual Rate Stabilization Reserve update, the Robert Moses Life Extension, Modernizations and the Controls Update Program. A *Questions & Answers* session opened up discussion on how the state's energy plan continues to change.



MEUA Consultants, Panel Discussion

Senator Rich Funke, 55th Senate District, addressed the body during lunch. The senator also spoke on his concerns with the energy policy moving forward and vowed to work hard to see that Public Power's interests are addressed.

Wednesday afternoon's session featured the Annual IEEP Meeting with Mike Lyons and Chris Wentlent presiding. Energy Efficiency, Electric Vehicles, heat pump expansion, renewable energy procurements, and administrative tariffs were outlined and discussed.

In the near future, the IEEP Management Committee will become a more active energy conservation committee with the MEUA Executive Committee acting as the governing body of the IEEP. State energy policies are dictating that the MEUA, IEEP and NYMPA must work more closely together for the benefit of the memberships.

Mark Cordeiro, PLM, then presented an update on NYMPA. Mark explained the city of Plattsburgh scenario as the Mayor wanted Plattsburgh to be 100% Green/Carbon free.

NYMPA purchased additional RECs for Plattsburgh to accomplish the Mayor's goals. Those REC costs were passed on directly to Plattsburgh. The Congestion Mitigation Plan (CMP) was reviewed showing a significant increase to the fund benefiting the members. Congestion analysis was explained which requires monitoring of the transmission facility maintenance schedules and transfer limits. This includes periodic meetings with NYISO staff to review maintenance schedules and impacts on congestion. Constant monitoring of changing market conditions whether it be generation, transmission, policy changes or weather related.

Challenges looking ahead include:

1. Changes to network topography of the NY control area and their impacts on system economics.
2. Impacts of increasing renewables on network flows and prices.
3. Impacts of increasing renewables on forward prices and ability to hedge price volatility.
4. Incorporating renewables into hourly forecasting and scheduling routines/processes.

The rest of the afternoon was dedicated to the Corporate Exposition which had 17 corporate members participating. The MEUA thanks the exhibiting corporate members for their continued support of our association.

Wednesday evening featured a reception and dinner at the Casa Larga Vineyard in Fairport. A beautiful setting with an outside deck overlooking the vineyard. The five different food stations offered everyone great choices to enjoy.

Thursday morning, Bill Whitfield presided over the committee reports.

Owen McIntee then presented on the "Emergency Preparedness". Owen stressed on points a municipality should consider and be aware of if your municipal is asking for mutual aid. A copy of the presentation is available on the MEUA website. There are many things to have in place before an event if you are the host utility due to a storm or emergency situations. Please review this document to better prepare your utility.

NYPA's Sarah Salati, Executive Vice President and Chief Commercial Officer, spoke on NYPA's role in the State's Clean Energy Policy as well as implementing NYPA's 2020 Strategic Vision to support the state's clean energy goals. Sarah oversees customer operations that include sales, marketing, new products and implementation of more energy efficiency sales. Sarah also will help lead several clean energy and economic development initiatives that are administered by NYPA, including *Build Smart NY* and *Recharge NY*.



Sarah Salati, Executive Vice President & Chief Commercial Officer

Thursday afternoon featured two non-delegate activities. A tour of the Genesee Brewery was a very nice event. The brewery was founded in 1878 and is based in Rochester, NY. It is one of the largest and oldest operating breweries in the USA.

The second tour was at the George Eastman House, also in Rochester, NY. Featuring photography, motion pictures, history, gardens, architecture, and historic houses, the tour was very interesting for all who participated. Founded in 1947, as an independent non-profit institution, it is the world's oldest photography museum and one of the oldest film archives.

The annual golf outing was held at Eagle Vale Country Club. It was a very picturesque course which the players enjoyed. The charity tournament helped raise money for the Aurora House Comfort Care Home in Spencerport, NY.

Over \$2300 was raised for this most worthy cause. Thanks to Read and Laniado for once again sponsoring the tournament.



Owen McIntee, Spencerport & Ken Stabb, Boonville

At Thursday evening's banquet, Ken Stabb received the D. B. H. Dalrymple Community Service Award for his devotion to the Boonville Community. Congratulations Ken— well deserved.



Andrew Thompson, Westfield & Owen McIntee

Owen McIntee received his Life Membership plaque and presented the President's gavel to Andrew Thompson, Westfield.

Thanks to the Municipal Members who donated baskets and gifts for the charity auction. Also, many thanks to the Corporate Sponsors for their donations of gifts as well. Thanks for your continued support!

The hospitality suite great and well attended. Thank you to Jeff Smith, Altec Industries, for providing that for the membership to kick back and relax a bit.

Friday morning's session, the 2020 budget was passed unanimously by the membership.

Again, thanks to all who attended this Annual Conference— a very nice event!!

Thank You

Independent Energy Efficiency Program (IEEP) - Celebrates Public Power Week 2019 –

By Mike Lyons, IEEP

The IEEP, along with many of its Municipal Electric Utilities Association (MEUA) members, celebrated American Public Power Week October 6th – October 12th by offering over 20,000 energy efficient LED light bulbs at no charge to residential customers. The IEEP assists the MEUA in facilitating programs that offer energy efficient products to their customers and promotes the use of electric fleet vehicles and the development of electric vehicle infrastructure throughout New York State.

Since 2001, the IEEP has distributed more than 550,000 energy efficient light bulbs to customers to promote energy efficiency within their electric systems. These ENERGY STAR LEDs use about 90% less energy than standard incandescent light bulbs and have increased life span while providing high quality lighting.

Other IEEP accomplishments include:

- Provided incentives for the purchase of more than 32,000 Energy Star Appliances;
- Insulated over 3,700 attics for homes with electric heat;
- Purchased 11,000 LED Street Lights;
- Assisted over 2,200 commercial and industrial customers in upgrading building systems such as lighting, motors, variable speed drive installations, and building shell improvements.

“Our electric municipals create a win-win situation by utilizing IEEP to offer customers products and services that meet our emerging clean energy needs. The programs have a positive effect on our environment, enables us to keep our customer's electric costs low, and reduces our systems' peak demand. More importantly, these initiatives are structured in a way that local systems dictate the use of their respective efficiency budget which ensure local commitment and efficient use of resources,” stated Tony Modafferi, Executive Director of the MEUA.



Chris Wentlent:
2019 October
NYISO Report

NYISO Summer 2019 Operation Highlights

- The NYISO experienced two major hot spells – July 18-July 21, and July 29-July 30. The NYISO recorded an all-time Sunday peak on July 21 at 30,339 megawatts (MWs). Prior to July 18 hot spell, New York transmission owners rescheduled planned transmission work. Peak loads exceeded 30,000 MWs on four days. Actual total summer deliveries were lower than summer 2018, due to lower deliveries in June and August 2019.

- The NYISO Operations were not required to take any emergency actions and did not issue any Special Case Resource (SCR) activations. Two blackout situations did occur on the Con Ed distribution system. The events are being reviewed by the Public Service Commission, New York State Legislature and New York City Council.
- Renewable generation averaged between 850 to 1050 MWs during the July 18-July 21 hot spell. This equated to the following renewable generation during the peak load of each day:
 - July 19 – Wind/Solar – 1 and 2% of peak load, respectively.
 - July 20 – Wind/Solar – 2 and 2% of peak load, respectively.
 - July 21 – Wind/Solar – 2 and 1% of peak load, respectively.

NYISO 2020 Projects and Budget

The NYISO Management Committee will vote on the upcoming 2020 NYISO Budget on October 30, 2019. The NYISO Board will approve it on November 19, 2019. The current draft budget is \$168M slightly lower than the current year budget, however, the actual Rate Schedule 1 impact for market participants will increase by 1.66% due to lower forecasted energy sales.

During the budgeting process, MEUA participated in the project survey process to identify key 2020 projects. We were successful in having six of our seven project recommendations incorporated into the final draft budget scheduled for vote. Our list and expected outcome of the projects is available below:

- Relocate Ontario Proxy Bus - accepted
- Ancillary Services Shortage Pricing - accepted
- Constraint Specific Transmissions Shortage Pricing – dropped by NYISO for a future year.
- Tailored Availability Metric - accepted

- Enhancing Fuel and Energy Security - accepted
- Buyer Side Mitigation for Small Resources - accepted
- Comprehensive Mitigation Review - accepted

NYISO Management Change

The New York Independent System Operator (NYISO) announced that Robb Pike has been named Vice President of Market Operations.

As Vice President of Market Operations, Mr. Pike will be responsible for the NYISO's Installed Capacity Market Operations, Distributed Resources Operations, and Operations Performance and Analysis departments. He takes over the role from Emilie Nelson, who was promoted to Executive Vice President of the NYISO in May 2019.

NYISO Market Monitor – 2Q (April-June 2019 Report) – Congestion Update

As you are aware, our municipal systems were required to make decisions for the upcoming year Historic Fixed Priced TCCs. The recent 2Q NYISO Report provides some additional detail on the transmission congestion effects on the grid. Day ahead congestion revenues rose 37% or approximately \$116M from the second quarter of 2018.

The largest increase occurred in Zone A (West Zone) due to low variable cost units in Zone A and Ontario, 115kV transmission modeling changes, additional scheduled transmission outages, return to operation of South Ripley-Dunkirk 230 kV line on PJM-NYCA border, which has increased loop flows, increased imports from Ontario, and one PAR out of service in the St. Lawrence area.

The highest impact was 115kV modeling which equated to 63% of the total. The NYISO also experienced large differences between modeled flows vs actual physical flows due to Lake Erie loop flows. Some of the corrective actions taken by the NYISO included changing CRM modeling

assumptions on the Niagara Packard 230 kV lines, and Niagara – Robinson Road 230 kV line from 20 MWs to 60 MWs and increasing the clockwise cap on loop flows for modeling purposes from 75 MW to 200 MW. In addition, the planned 2020 relocation of the Ontario Proxy Bus is expected to improve the transparency of the Ontario import pricing. While improvements, significant congestion relief is not expected until the Western New York Public Policy transmission project is completed in the 2022/2023 timeframe. The project is currently going through the Article VII New York State Public Service Commission siting process.

North Zone counter-congestion from Zone D (North Zone) to central NY fell due to less transmission outages, 115kV transmission modeling change and bidding behavior changes by wind assets with expiring Renewable Portfolio Standard (RPS) contracts.

One other item of note in the 2Q report was real time generation was dominated by nuclear, natural gas, and hydro facilities. Wind and solar accounted for about 5% of the total generation.

This is an important statistic especially since New York State has recently signed legislation to commit New York State to 70% renewable generation production by 2030. The existing wind/solar coupled with the hydro generation equates to about 27-28%. Accordingly, New York must increase renewable generation by an additional 42% to meet that 70% by 2030 requirement.

Employment Ads

Electric Department: Skaneateles

The **Village of Skaneateles** is seeking applicants for a leadership role in its municipal electric distribution system. The successful candidate will be experienced and proficient in the

operations and administrative management of an electric distribution system, including substations, outside plant, metering and inventory.

Candidates should have strong mechanical and electrical aptitude and demonstrated experience in administrative and managerial positions. Preference will be given to candidates who reside in the Village of Skaneateles or who also hold current license in wastewater or water supply.

Please forward your resume and salary requirements to the Village of Skaneateles, 26 Fennell Street, Skaneateles, New York 13152 or email to clerk@villageofskaneateles.com

Senior Lineworker: Penn Yan

The **Village of Penn Yan** has an opening for one (1) Senior Lineworker. This is a competitive NYS Civil Service position that is full time, 40 hours per week and subject to Civil Service rules for eligibility.

The applicant will supervise the Line Crew as assigned and in the absence of the Line Crew Chief; must be able to perform skilled work in the construction and maintenance of electrical overhead and underground distribution systems, including the rebuilding and maintenance of electrical substations. The work requires climbing poles, working in all kinds of weather conditions and rigid observance of safety precautions to protect the lives of themselves and others.

Range of hourly rate is \$28.68 - \$33.28 depending on years of experience.

For an application, full job description, minimum qualifications and Civil Service rules for eligibility please visit:

<https://mycivilservice.yatescounty.org/jobopps>.

Candidate will be subject to drug and alcohol testing prior to employment.

Please submit your application along with work history, qualifications, training history and education, proof of Lineworker status, references and any other pertinent information to the Yates County Civil Service Office.

Line Crew Chief: Penn Yan

The **Village of Penn Yan** has an opening for one (1) Line Crew Chief. This is a competitive NYS Civil Service position that is full time, 40 hours per week and subject to Civil Service rules for eligibility.

The applicant will supervise the Line Crew; manage the operational budget and maintain an adequate inventory for the Electric Department; must be able to perform skilled work in the construction and maintenance of electrical overhead and underground distribution systems, including the rebuilding and maintenance of electrical substations. The work requires climbing poles, working in all kinds of weather conditions and rigid observance of safety precautions to protect the lives of themselves and others.

Range of hourly rate is \$31.04 - \$36.59 depending on years of experience.

For an application, full job description, minimum qualifications and Civil Service rules for eligibility please visit:
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Lineworker: Penn Yan

The **Village of Penn Yan** has openings for two (2) experienced electric line workers. These are NYS Civil Service positions that are part time (minimum of 20 hours per week) and subject to

Civil Service rules for eligibility. This job provides a competitive salary and the potential for a \$5,000 employment bonus.

The applicants must be able to perform skilled work in the construction and maintenance of electrical overhead and underground distribution systems, including the rebuilding and maintenance of electrical substations. The work requires climbing poles, working in all kinds of weather conditions and rigid observance of safety precautions to protect the lives of themselves and others.

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Please submit your application along with work history, qualifications, training history and education, proof of Lineworker status, references and any other pertinent information to the Yates County Civil Service Office.

Electric Superintendent: Marathon

The **Village of Marathon**, an equal opportunity employer, is accepting resumes for an Electric Department Superintendent. This position involves the management and supervision of the Electric Department; including daily operations and long-term planning. Work is done under the direction of the Mayor and Board of Trustees.

Responsibilities include:

- Construction, repair and maintenance of all overhead and underground lines
- Supervision and assistance in installation of service for residence or business customers
- Schedule work for department employees and other subordinates
- Maintain necessary records and reports
- Responsible for safety of line crews and rigid enforcement of safety standards and devices.

Minimum qualifications:

- High school graduate and journeyman lineman certification
- Minimum of four (4) years' experience as a lineman on high voltage electric power distribution
- CDL driver's license with air brake endorsement and able to pass any required DOT drug & alcohol mandates

- Willing to work irregular hours, including inclement weather.

Additional preferences:

- Municipal experience
- Management or supervisory experience

The successful candidate may, from time to time, be assigned to other duties consistent with the operation of municipal electric utility. Salary is commensurate with relevant experience. The Village of Marathon offers a competitive benefit package.

Resumes must be submitted to Village of Marathon, P.O. Box 519, Marathon, NY 13803 or may be dropped off at the Village Office, 18 Tannery Street, Marathon, NY

Clerk/Treasurer: Churchville

The **Village of Churchville** (population 2079), is in search of a Clerk/Treasurer. The Village of Churchville is in Monroe County New York, approximately 15 miles southwest of downtown Rochester. The Village is surrounded by the Town of Riga and is adjacent to the neighboring municipalities of Spencerport to the North, Bergen to the West and Chili to the east. The Village provides a range of municipal services including municipal electric, sewer, and public cemetery. The Village of Churchville has a budget of \$2.15 million and 22 employees. Churchville Municipal Electric operates a budget of \$1.7 million. The electric service area consists of the Village of Churchville and has 1,100 residential and commercial accounts.

GENERAL STATEMENT OF DUTIES:

This individual acts as the Village's Chief Financial Officer, reports directly to the Village Board and is responsible for the administration of the financial affairs of Village including the General Fund, Sewer, Electric and Capital Funds. The Clerk/Treasurer's Office is comprised of a Deputy Village Clerk, Deputy

Village Treasurer and the Planning/Zoning Board of Appeals Secretary. The Clerk/Treasurer is the Records Management Officer of the Village and serves as the Clerk to the Village Board of Trustees. This individual is responsible for maintaining a record of all village resolutions and local laws. Responsibilities include all Village financial operations including accounting, budgeting, payroll and the management of related benefit programs for the employees. This individual is responsible for preparing financial reports to the Village Board, as well as annual financial statements in accordance with general accepted governmental accounting principles. This individual also serves the receiver of Village taxes.

EXAMPLES OF WORK (illustrative only):

Acts as custodian of all monies requiring deposit and disbursement in connection with the general operation of the Village; Prepares all financial statements and reports; Plans and supervises the work of office staff; Responsible for the development and administration of all departmental budgets and implements budgetary controls over all appropriations and approval over all expenditures and commitments as to sufficiency of funds needed for personnel, equipment, materials and supplies and management of Village indebtedness; Responsible for the preparation of appropriate financial records and supporting details to assist independent auditors in their review of the Village financial records.

REQUIRED KNOWLEDGE SKILLS AND ABILITIES:

Demonstrates an expert understanding of current generally accepted governmental account principles as promulgated by GASB; Modern practices for the development, administration and control of municipal operating, capital budgets and grant funds; Demonstrates an ability in solving complex problems, and addressing activities in the Village day to day operations; Good knowledge of the laws, regulations, procedures and policies as they relate to local government in New York State; Ability to prepare and present written and computer generated

financial reports; Ability to communicate with both Village personnel and the public, both in writing and orally; Good knowledge of the Office of the NYS Comptroller Local Government Accounting and Reporting Manual. Working knowledge of automated systems software, including payroll systems, municipal accounting, and Microsoft Office applications; Ability to supervise staff and establish and maintain effective working relationships with others.

MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS: EITHER;

Bachelor's Degree in Finance, Accounting, Business Administration, Public Administration, or closely related field AND three years of municipal government or public sector finance experience in a supervisory capacity, or: Associate's Degree in Finance, Accounting, Business Administration, Public Administration, or closely related field AND four years of municipal government or public sector finance experience in a supervisory capacity, or: An equivalent combination of training and experience as defined by A & B above.

The successful candidate will have exceptional interpersonal skills with the ability to interact and socialize with the general public, staff and elected officials. Must have demonstrated experience in collaborative work environments and must be able to effectively communicate and delegate while working in a team environment. Candidate must also mentor, cross-train and promote his/her peers and colleagues to maximize the full potential of the work group.

Interested applicants should submit a professional cover letter and resume to John Hartman, Mayor, 23 E Buffalo Street, Churchville, NY 14428. This position is open until filled; however, interested applicants are encouraged to apply by Friday, October 11, 2019. Please submit your salary requirements. For more information, please contact Mayor John Hartman at mayor@churchville.net or 585-293-3720 ext. 112.