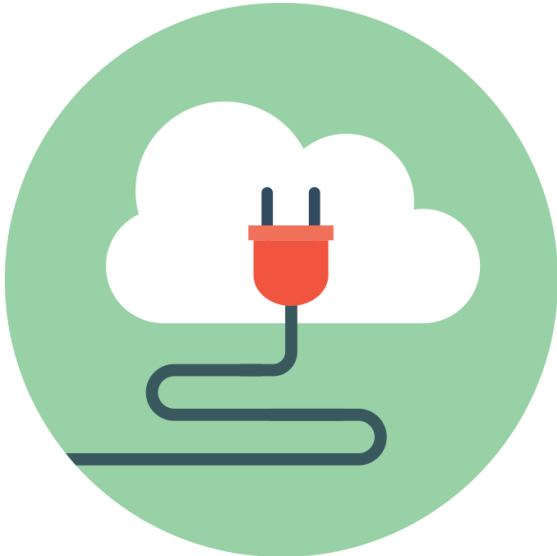


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Happy New Year everyone— Hope your holiday season was a good one and let's prove that this new year will be a better one with the coronavirus put behind us.



Though it's still early, please let the MEUA office know if you will have a first-year apprentice student. We are just trying to see how many we will have in the first-year class. Thank you.

## Temporary Service Suspension Extended Again

As we previously discussed in a memo dated August 13, 2020. Governor Cuomo signed into law, a bill amending the Public Service Laws as it relates to utility shutoffs.

The law requires the following:

1. No termination or disconnection of services to any customer for non-payment of overdue charges until the State of Emergency is lifted, currently January 29, 2021.
2. You must offer a residential customer a deferred payment without a down payment, late fees or penalties. You can require a financial statement and supporting documentation.
3. Those provisions apply to electric, gas and water services.

The law change applies during the State of Emergency, which has been extended numerous times and likely will be extended again.

We understand that you may be frustrated, but want to remind you that this is still the law. Also, please remember to keep track of the revenues your system is losing by not being able to shut off delinquent customers or charge penalties and late payments. Finally, if your utility is experiencing significant financial strain due to aging collectables, please let us know.

Thank you.



**Chris Wentlent: NYISO Advisor**

**JANUARY 2021**

Happy New Year! I hope your holiday was safe and peaceful and 2021 is filled with good health and happiness.

My January 2021 Column follows:

**New York State Reliability Council – Internal Reserve Margin (IRM)**

The New York State Reliability Council (Council) met on Friday, December 4, 2020. A major agenda item was approving the Internal Reserve Margin (IRM) for the May 2021-April 2022 Capacity Market Capability Year. The Council approved an IRM of 20.7% which is a 1.8% increase from last year's capability requirement of 18.9%. The driving factors increasing the capacity requirement are the planned retirement of Indian Point Unit 3 in March 2021, load forecast uncertainty created by a higher percentage of intermittent resources in the market, and a change in how Energy Duration Limited Resources are modeled. Previously, the model assumed this type of resource was available 24 hours per day, 7 days per week. The new modeling better represented their actual capability. The higher IRM will require load serving entities such as NYMPA to secure more

capacity to meet required NPCC reliability 1 in 10-day requirement.

**Climate Action Council – Utility Consultation Panel**

The Climate Action Council meet on December 15, 2020. During the meeting, the Council communicated they have created a Utility Consultation Panel to provide input on system reliability and technical matters. Tony Modafferi send an email request to the appropriate Climate Action Council members to add a municipal system representative to the recently established Utility Panel. The request was granted, and Chris Wentlent will represent our municipal systems in this capacity. The appointment will allow our municipal systems to maintain a close communication contact as the Climate Action Council develops its recommended Scoping Plan in 2021.

**New York Power Authority – Northern New York Priority Transmission Project**

NYPA representatives provided an overview of the Northern New York Priority Transmission Project (Project) at the December 7, 2020 NYISO ESPWG Meeting.

The Project includes the following components:

- Moses to Willis 1 & 2 – 37-mile upgrade of 230kV transmission line converted to 345kV
- Willis to Patnode/Ryan 1 & 2 – 9 miles of 230 kV rebuild
- Adirondack to Porter 1 & 2 – 55 miles of 230 kV transmission line converted to 345kV
- Replace and upgrade substations along the path

The project benefits include enabling an additional 1000 MW of clean energy transfer capability, and rebuild of over 100 miles of existing wood H-frame poles to tubular steel poles. This will improve power flow capacity, asset condition and create greater resilience. The expected In-Service Date is Q4 – 2025.



## **IEEP 2020 Year-End Summary**

The IEEP is forecasting that we will achieve 100% of our 2020 spending goal this year despite challenges from Covid-19. While many energy efficiency programs around the country have struggled to meet their goals, the IEEP refocused efforts to target business and municipally owned buildings to make building improvements during slow periods. We have invested \$1,000,000 to support over 155 commercial and industrial customers in making energy efficient improvements. This investment has also created jobs for local contractors and have allowed suppliers to remain active.

The IEEP's newly revised residential rebate programs have been successful in encouraging the purchase of ENERGY STAR appliances and advancing the use of state-of-the-art heat pump systems. As of December, over 1,325 residential customers have participated in our rebate programs. We have new marketing materials available that include counter top rebate displays, Facebook ads, and bill stuffer templates designed to promote IEEP programs to your customers.

The IEEP will continue to plan and adapt for the many changes taking place in our industry and is positioned for continued success in 2021. We will continue to engage in planning for transition to electric vehicles, we will continue to provide marketing materials to assist in consumer promotion, and to provide programs which support our State's future energy and sustainability needs.

Thank you to each of our municipal systems for your continued support and coordination in

implementing our IEEP programs. The grassroots nature of our planning and implementation are major attributes of our success. We look forward to your continued support in 2021 in making the IEEP have another productive year.

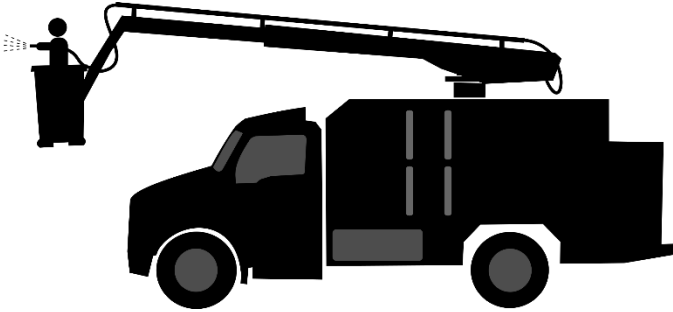
## **MEUA MUNICIPAL MEMBER EMPLOYMENT ADVERTISEMENTS**

### **Marathon: Linemen**

The **Village of Marathon**, an equal opportunity employer, is accepting resumes for an Electric Utility Worker (Lineman). Minimum qualifications are high school graduation and journeyman lineman certification. This work consists of erection, installation and maintenance of overhead and underground electric distribution systems. Work requires rigid observance of safety protocol, working during inclement weather conditions, climbing utility poles and handling high voltage. Supervision and inspection may be exercised over work while in progress and upon completion.

The successful candidate may, from time to time, be assigned to other duties consistent with the operation of a municipal electric utility. Salary will be dependent on relevant experience. The Village of Marathon offers a competitive benefits 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. Please contact Eric Leet at 607-849-6795 or email [marathonpower@stny.rr.com](mailto:marathonpower@stny.rr.com) with any questions.



## **Solvay: Assistant Electric Department Superintendent**

Salary Range: \$75,000-85,000 Annually

Start Date: January 2021

### **Job Description:**

The work involves responsibility for assisting in the daily management and supervision of the Village of Solvay Electric Department. An employee in this class is responsible for scheduling and directing the day-to-day and long-term activities of various departments and the crews. Under general supervision of the Electric Department Superintendent, an employee in this class carries out work in accordance with general policies of the Village Board of Trustees and its Electrical Committee with wide leeway for the exercise of independent judgment in carrying out technical duties of the work. General supervision is exercised over a large number of technical and clerical subordinates. An employee in this class is required to be on call at all times in order to direct staff during emergencies. Does related work as required.

### **Work Activities:**

Assists in managing, planning, organizing and directing departmental activities involving the operation, construction, maintenance, repair and modification of the village electrical distribution system. Schedules, directs and supervises day-to-day operations for the line departments.

Responsible for the layout and design of new line replacements and inspects installation and repair of distribution system and advises Superintendent of problems. Maintains SCADA system and responsible. Assists in overseeing the procurement and installation of equipment including transformers, switching equipment, instrumentation, and storage facilities. Assists in studying load and system problems to devise methods to solve same. Works with Superintendent, Electric Commission and Solvay Village Board to develop and implement written policies and procedures. Assists Superintendent in identifying training needs for staff; trains and documents safety training of personnel. Assists in evaluating effectiveness and development of personnel. Oversees all interaction with contractors and staff; schedules and manages work of contractors. Coordinates with outside agencies and community at large on projects requiring modification or expansion. Attends board meetings and executive sessions for input and discussion on all policy and personnel issues. Supervises line workers as well as technical and clerical subordinates. Acts for Superintendent in the latter's absence.

### **Necessary Skills and Abilities:**

Good knowledge of the principles and practices of maintenance and operation of a village electrical system. Good knowledge of the management, planning, and development of electrical power programs. Good knowledge of power distribution concepts and implementation. Good knowledge of the principles and practices of supervision. Ability to develop plans, work schedules, programs, and designs for construction, repair, and modification of electrical utilities. Ability to evaluate and suggest changes to policies. Ability to promote Solvay Electric Department's community commitment while meeting overall goals. Ability to plan, direct and supervise effectively the work of subordinate employees. Ability to coordinate and schedule work assignments.

## **Minimum Qualifications:**

Five (5) years of professional supervisory level work experience, or its part-time equivalent, in business management which must have included operations planning and job cost analysis, while working or contracting for a municipal or private electric power company.

NOTE: Electrical contracting work must have been with a municipal or private electric power company. Home, building construction or industrial contracting does not qualify.

**Please email resume and references to [hdecarlo@villageofsolvay.com](mailto:hdecarlo@villageofsolvay.com) for consideration.**



## **Solvay: Electric Department** **Superintendent**

Salary Range: \$80,000-90,000 Annually  
Start Date: January 2021

### **Job Description:**

The work involves responsibility for the daily management and supervision of the Village of Solvay Electric Department. The Superintendent is responsible for planning construction, coordinating operation of power stations, transmission lines, and distribution systems, and supervising staff. An employee in this class carries out work in accordance with general policies of the village

board of trustees and its Electrical Committee with wide leeway for the exercise of independent judgement in carrying out technical duties of the work. General supervision is exercised over a large number of technical and clerical subordinates. Does related work as required.

### **Work Activities:**

Manages, plans, organizes and directs all departmental activities involving the operation, construction, maintenance, repair and modification of the village electrical distribution system.

Reviews information relating to the extension and development of village territory and resulting increase in demand for service and plans to meet these demands.

Oversees the procurement and installation of equipment including transformers, switching equipment, instrumentation, and storage facilities. Formulates and presents to the Mayor and Village Board, budgets, financial requirements, and long and short-term goals, with the supporting data for discussion and approval.

Initiates, evaluates, accepts and submits major capital expense items and policy revision recommendations to the Mayor and Board for consideration and approval.  
Studies load and system problems to devise methods to solve same.

Represents and works with the Board, at meetings, contract negotiations and in public relation matters. Supervises line workers as well as technical and clerical subordinates.

In the absence of the representative for the MEUA, must interface with regulatory agents such as PSC, NYPA, NYMPA, and the electric commission.

### **Necessary Skills and Abilities:**

- Thorough knowledge of the principles and practices of maintenance and operation of a village electrical system.
- Thorough knowledge of the management, planning, and development of electrical power programs.
- Good knowledge of the principles and practices of administration.  
Good knowledge of the principles and practices of supervision.
- Ability to develop plans, work schedules, programs, and designs for construction, repair, and modification of electrical utilities.
- Ability to direct, coordinate, and supervise the activities of the department.
- Ability to make effective written and oral presentations.
- Ability to communicate effectively with the public.  
Physical condition commensurate with the demands of the position.

### **Minimum Qualifications:**

Six (6) years of professional supervisory level work experience, or its part-time equivalent, in business management which must have included operations planning and job cost analysis, working or contracting for a municipal or private electric power company.

NOTE: Electrical contracting work must have been with a municipal or private electric power company.

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