

Municipal Electric Utilities Association of NYS



*April
2018*

MEUA's points of Interest

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- President Larry Kilburn
- Office located in
Syracuse New York



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2017-2018

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The Spring Engineering Workshop was held at the Embassy Suites Hotel in East Syracuse, March 14-15, 2018.

Once again, the Engineering Committee did an outstanding job on the agenda and the **Corporate Vender Show**.

Presentations were made by Matt Oneto, Hubbell, *Electrical Bushings* which included bushing design, ID, storage, disposal and connections.

Ron Jordan, RJ Lang Sales, addressed *Network Lighting Controls* and examining technology that will improve the efficiency and reliability for lighting systems.

The MEUA Engineering Committee examined *Electrical Meter Testing & Reporting Requirements* which was an up-to-date review on annual testing and reporting requirements followed by a question and answer period. The committee also reviewed system *Electrical Reliability* and *Mutual Aid* protocol.

Philip Clark, TESCO, gave an in-depth summary of *Meter Testing*, reviewing next generation meter qualifications, boards and shop testing, AMI related products and field testing.

The afternoon session was highlighted by the **Vender Equipment & Service Show** with 26 Corporate Members showing their products and sharing product information with the workshop attendees.

Also, multiple vendors had a hands-on demonstration for underground splicing and terminations, which was excellent.

The second day began with Dan Rasper, OnNow Digital, speaking on an *An Aging Workforce*. Dan addressed ways to work through the rapid retirement of employees that the public power entities are facing.

Chris Grammatico, LVA sales, provided a thorough report on *The True Value of Automated Faulted Circuit Indicators (FCIs)*. Chris gave a brief history of FCIs and reviewed the benefits of utilizing an automated FCI.

Congratulations to this season's door prize winners. Kris Beilby, Endicott, was the recipient of 32' Roku LED Smart TV.



Stanley Welsh, Hamilton, was the winner of the YETI Roadie Cooler.



Thank you once again to the members of the MEUA Engineering Committee and Matt Hegarty for the conducting another successful workshop.

Mike Hyland, American Public Power Association (APPA), reviewed the *Mutual Aid* protocol that has been established and put to use in recent storm events. Mike gave an in-depth report on reliability programs and why it is an important tool for the municipalities to use.

APPA also has many training opportunities for municipalities that Mike spoke on and it is hoped with NYMPA now paying the APPA dues for its members that the municipalities will take advantage of the training opportunities.

March 2018 NYISO Report – Chris Wentlent

NYISO February 2018 Results – the NYISO experienced mild weather conditions in February 2018 which resulted in substantially lower LBMPs (Locational Based Marginal Prices) for the month. LBMPs averaged \$33.83/MWh in February 2018 vs \$99.55/MWh for January 2018. Year-to-date monthly cost is \$72.85/MWh due to the high January 2018 pricing. The February 2018 upstate region prices averaged between a range of \$20.33/MWh to \$31.52/MWh depending on the zone. The lower energy prices were driven by lower natural gas prices and lower energy demand. Natural Gas pricing dropped to \$3.14/MMBtu vs January's \$17.94 /MMBtu for Transco Zone 6 (New York City) and actual daily energy sendout dropped about 8% due to the mild weather. The February 2018 result is an example of the substantial swings in market volatility our upstate market is subject to during the NYISO winter market period. Monthly NYCA capacity spot prices remain low with February and March 2018 averaging \$.20/kW-month, and \$.15/kW-month respectively. In comparison, our NYCA Winter 2017-2018 Strip Auction settled at \$.37/kW-month.

Energy Efficiency – the New York State Energy and Research Authority (NYSERDA) and New York State Department of Public Service hosted a series of Energy Efficiency Roundtable discussions during late February and March 2018. MEUA/NYMPA was a panelist for the February 23 Innovative Utility Strategies and Emerging Energy Efficiency Building Models Roundtable and attended and monitored the March 5 Roundtable discussion. Roundtable topics included:

February 23, 2018 Roundtable

- Innovative Utility Strategies and Emerging Energy Efficiency Building Models
- Pay-for-Performance: Next Steps for New York

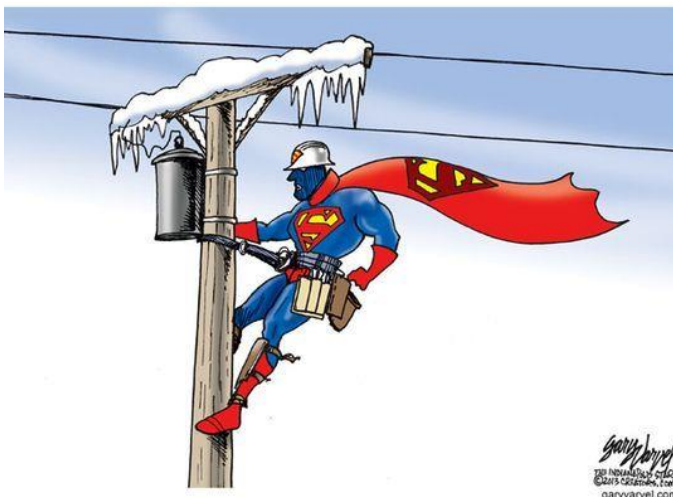
March 5, 2018 Roundtable

- Accelerating Building Codes
- Opportunities and Strategies for Deep Energy Efficiency
- Energy Efficiency Target Metric and Framing Considerations

During the January 2018 State of State Address; Governor Cuomo identified that he would announce a new Energy Efficiency Initiative on Earth Day in April 2018. The Roundtable discussions will be utilized to help inform the final details of that initiative. We will continue to monitor this initiative to evaluate any impacts on our member systems.

AC 1000 MW Transmission Public Policy Project – The NYISO communicated at the recent New York State Reliability Council (NYSRC) that it is expecting to release its initial draft report on the planned project in late March. The NYISO will meet with developers to review their project details in April and utilize stakeholder meetings in May to review progress with the intent to vote on a final project in the June/July 2018 time horizon.

On a longer-term perspective, it is expected that the New York Department of Environmental Conservation (NYSDEC) will introduce two new environmental regulations during calendar year 2018. The first regulation will reduce the target carbon intensity for a generation megawatt hour produced which will likely put the remaining New York coal plants at risk, and the second regulation is expected to reduce NOx limits for peaking generation facilities mostly located in the lower Hudson Valley, New York City and Long Island. Together, these two regulations would impact a substantial amount of generation and require either installation of new control technology, repowering, or shutdown. As the regulations are introduced; we will utilize future newsletters to communicate the specifics on timing, regulation proposed requirements and possible longer-term energy and/or capacity market impacts.



HELP WANTED

Lineman

Lineman for the Village of Richmondville Electric Department serving 1200 customers. Minimum qualifications: high school diploma or equivalent and be eligibility for the appropriate NYS driver's license. Candidates must have a thorough knowledge high voltage electric power distribution systems and/or experience as a journey line worker. Candidates should have knowledge of the construction, maintenance and repair of high voltage electric power distribution systems and related equipment; thorough knowledge of the principles of electricity, thorough knowledge of standard safety measures and devices used in handling high voltage electrical circuits; ability to climb towers; ability to plan and supervise the work of others; ability to understand and carry out oral and written instructions; physical strength and endurance; good physical condition. The Village of Richmondville offers excellent municipal benefits. Salary commensurate with experience. Applications are available at the Village Office, 295 Main Street, Richmondville, NY during office hours Monday-Friday, 8am to 4pm. Applications must be received by 4:00 pm, April 19, 2018. EOE

Utilities Superintendent

Light & Power Superintendent for the Village of Richmondville. Minimum qualifications: High School graduate with four years of experience as a journey line-worker on high voltage electric power distribution systems, or equivalent. Thorough knowledge of the construction, maintenance and repair of high voltage electric power distribution systems and related equipment; thorough knowledge of the principles of electricity, thorough knowledge of standard safety measures and devices used in handling high voltage electrical circuits; ability to climb towers; ability to plan and supervise the work of others; ability to understand and carry out oral and written instructions; physical strength and endurance; good physical condition. NYS driver's license required, CDL preferred. We offer excellent benefits and salary is contingent on experience. This position is subject to civil service exam. Applications are available at the Village Office, 295 Main Street, Richmondville, NY during office hours Monday-Friday, 8am to 4pm. Applications must be received by 4:00 pm, April 19, 2018. EOE

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