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I'd like to thank Richmondville-Central Region, Philadelphia/Theresa-Northern Region, and Springville-Western Region for hosting this year's Regional Meetings.

Central Regional Meeting

The Central Regional Meeting, hosted by Tim Smith, Village of Richmondville, took place at the Red Barn Clubhouse in Cobleskill, NY.

The morning meeting began with an informative presentation given by Rick Palumbo of Utility Software Acquisitions (USA). Rick gave a demonstration of his USA Continuing Property Records Software (CPR) and spoke on the importance of keeping meticulous property records as it pertains to an electric utility system.



Rick Palumbo, USA

After a brief answer and question session, Mayor Kevin Neary of Richmondville ended the morning meeting with a few words on the history of Richmondville and his experiences in the ever-changing electric industry.

Golfers then enjoyed a beautiful day out at the Cobleskill Golf Course, with non-golfers attending a guided tour of the prehistoric passageways of Secret Caverns. The walking tour descends 103 steps before reaching a lighted concrete walkway, and boasts a 100ft underground waterfall. It was quite a sight to see.



Entrance to Secret Caverns

The day ended with an intimate reception/dinner at the Red Barn Clubhouse. Raffle Prizes and MEUA gifts were handed out during the plated dinner service.

Our Corporate members who helped sponsor this event were:

- Altec Industries
- BST & Co. CPAs
- NextEra Energy
- PLM
- USA

Northern Regional Meeting

Phil Hughes of Philadelphia and Tara Leeson of Theresa did a superb job in organizing this year's Northern Regional Meeting. Though Assemblyman Mark Walcyk was not able to speak as scheduled, as he was in Albany for the final Legislative session—the meeting went well.

Ken Podolny, Read and Laniado presented on the history of the Niagara Power Redevelopment over the years with their hydro preference power allocations.

The Long-Term Agreement (LTA) recently approved by the NYPA Trustees was reviewed by Bill Whitfield and myself. The necessary public hearing was held June 10th in Albany with NYPA, NYAPP and the MEUA, offering supportive comments. It is expected to be sent to the Governor for his signature sometime in October.



Owen McIntee reviewed the Mutual Aid protocols and reviewed Mutual Aid events MEUA members have been involved with.

Due to inclement weather, the golf outing was cancelled and all attendees went on the scheduled tour of the wineries. It was a great afternoon, considering how the weather turned out.

A reception/dinner was held at the Edgewood Resort, Alexandria Bay—who once again did a great job.



Tara Leeson, Village of Theresa, Owen McIntee

A 20 Year Award was presented to Tara Leeson for her many years of service to the Village of Theresa.



The speaker for the evening event was Erik Backus, P.E., Clarkson University, Department of Environmental Engineering.

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- Altec Industries
- BST & Co. CPAs
- Irby Utilities
- NextEra Energy
- PLM
- T&R Electric
- USA

Western Regional Meeting

Springville held the Western Regional on June 26th. The meeting portion of the event was held at the UNOVA Coworking building which was a very nice location.

Many thanks to Liz Melock, Ken Kostowniak, Mayor William Krebs, and all the Springville crew that worked diligently on this meeting.



Mayor Krebs welcomed everyone and talked about the Village of Springville history with the MEUA.

Reed Braman, Director of Energy Development and Management for Erie County, spoke about some renewable energy projects that Erie County is involved in. Mostly solar ventures are presently being developed. A good question and answer session followed with Reed asking about the municipals' rates structure.

There were two tours offered for the afternoon. A Springville Village Downtown Historic Tour of the district shops, Gentner's Auction, and antique stores.

The second tour was of Griffith Sculpture Park and/or the Scooby Dam Hike.

The golfers played a round at the Concord Crest Golf Course—a very picturesque setting.

A reception and casual dinner by Jake & the Fat Man BBQ and clams followed at Fireman's Park. This was an excellent setting and atmosphere with the attendees enjoying a very relaxing evening.



Western Regional Meeting in Springville, NY

Jim Nauert, Silver Springs, received his 20 Year Award.

The Western Regional was a very accommodating and relaxed event that was enjoyed by all.

Our Corporate members who helped sponsor this event were:

- Altec Industries
- BST & Co. CPAs
- Irby Utilities
- Lineman's Supply
- NextEra Energy
- Nussbaumer & Clarke
- PLM
- USA

A special thank you goes out to the following companies who also contributed to this year's Western Regional Meeting:

- Encorus Group
- Marquis Engineering
- MDA Engineers
- S&S Engineering

The MEUA Audit & Budget Committee will meet at the MEUA office on Friday, July 12th to commence work the MEUA's 2020 Budget.



Please start planning for the 89th Annual Conference which will be held in Fairport, NY at the Woodcliff Hotel & Spa, September 10-13th.

President Owen McIntee and his wife Karen, with the help of Pitbull Pam Gilbert of Spencerport have planned out an excellent event for the delegates and non-delegates.



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NYISO Report

NYISO Leadership Changes

On June 1, 2019, the NYISO Board of Directors named Richard Dewey the new President and Chief Operating Officer. Mr. Dewey replaces Robert Fernandez who served as interim President and CEO since October 2018.

Mr. Dewey is a 19-year veteran at the NYISO. He joined the NYISO in 2000, and held several key

executive roles in Product and Project Management, Strategic Software Development and Quality Assurance. He earned a B.S. in Electrical and Computer Engineering from Clarkson University, a M.S. in Computer Engineering from Syracuse University, and is a graduate of Harvard Business School's General Management Program.

In addition, the Board also appointed Emilie Nelson, to the position of Executive Vice President. Ms. Nelson joined the NYISO in 2004 and leads the Market Operations team with responsibility for the administration of the wholesale electricity markets. She has over twenty years of experience in the power industry and worked several years in power generation. She earned a B.S in Mechanical Engineering from Tufts University and an M.B.A. from Pace University.

Climate Plan

Everything You Wanted to Know About the New York Independent System Operation (NYISO) But Were Afraid to Ask

The NYISO recently released a document called "The Power of New York's Wholesale Electricity Markets" - it provides an excellent high-level overview of how the market operates, value of wholesale energy markets, additional market and services, and emerging clean technologies of the future. The entire document can be viewed at: <https://www.nyiso.com/documents/20142/2225523/2019-Markets-ebook.pdf/0fef7696-5e12-0a47-20af-5cea2d3b43d9>

NYISO Project Prioritization Process

The NYISO surveyed market participants to vote on which market projects the NYISO should consider for the 2020 Calendar Year and include in the 2020 NYISO budget. The MEUA/NYMPA had eight opportunities to complete the survey, thereby, allowing us ample opportunity to outline our critical issues. In total, each survey provides the market participant a 100% vote which can be broken down between various projects. The survey responses were due by June 25.

The following outlines the key initiatives that we included in our responses and the weight we applied in priority order:

1. **Relocate the Ontario IESO Proxy Bus (30% weight)** - This project would explore the options for a more optimal IESO proxy bus that more closely aligns power flow shift factors for energy schedules between IESO and NYISO. This project is expected to improve resource scheduling and pricing outcomes between Ontario and the West Zone (Zone A).
2. **Ancillary Services Shortage Pricing (20% weight)** - This project will position the NYISO to incent flexibility and resilience as the grid transitions to higher intermittent resources. It will also address the implications of pricing incentives for products and services in neighboring ISO/RTO regions.
3. **Constraint Specific Transmission Shortage Pricing (20% weight)** - Transmission constraint pricing logic enables the NYISO's market software to re-dispatch suppliers efficiently in the short term to alleviate constraints, and incent long term investment in locations where suppliers could provide the greatest benefits.
4. **Tailored Availability Metric (10% weight)** - This project is important to maintain reliability of Installed Capacity Suppliers and increase transparency by increasing accountability of capacity supplier's performance especially during peak demand periods. In other words, a capacity supplier must perform during critical demand periods or be subject to performance penalties.
5. **Enhancing Fuel and Energy Security (10% weight)** - New York's power grid is anticipated to face increased challenges associated with the generating fleet transitioning in response to economic, environmental and public policy considerations. Increased dependency on natural gas and intermittent technologies

creates an elevated risk to system reliability if those supply resources are not available or interrupted. This project will explore and design market enhancements that would protect fuel and energy security in New York.

6. **Buyer Side Mitigation for Small Resources Outside the Class Year Planning Process (5% weight)** - This is a specific NYISO Market Monitor recommendation that the NYISO create new procedures and tariff language for quicker handling of these resources outside the long duration Class Year planning study. It will allow these smaller resources to interconnect more quickly.
7. **Comprehensive Mitigation Review (5% weight)** - In the NYISO Strategic Plan, the NYISO identified the need to conduct a comprehensive review of the NYISO's existing market products and operational and planning processes as a strategic initiative. Evaluating how resources are mitigated is an essential part to ensuring the efficiency of resource entry and exit especially as our generation mix rapidly changes in the coming years.

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