

Executive Director Report

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Since the Annual Conference will be over by the time this edition of News & Views is received, I hope those that attended enjoyed themselves and the program offered for the delegates & non - delegates.

Looking into the Fall Season, the MEUA will be sponsoring two workshops for the membership to participate in.

The Accounting & Finance Workshop will be held October 16th & 17th at the Destiny Embassy Suites location.

The agenda is being finalized and sent out along with the registration information very soon. Last year's workshop was well received and this upcoming workshop will also be I believe. Please consider registering to attend and learn more about Municipal Accounting to better serve your Municipality.

In November, the Engineering Workshop will be held on the 5th & 6th also at the Destiny Embassy Suites location. More information on this workshop will be forthcoming soon. This workshop has been very well attended the last 3 sessions and I think this year will be another well attended event.

As was explained at the MEUA Annual, the documents explaining the Long-Term Agreement (LTA) and the necessary signatory forms for each system to sign off on will be forwarded to the MEUA membership soon.

It is anticipated that the Governor will sign the contract extension sometime this Fall. Each Municipal system must sign the agreement

document as was done back in 2003 for the Global Settlement.

The contract extension will ensure that the New York State Municipals and Coops hydro contracts will be extended until September 2040. The current contract had a 2025 expiration date.

If there are any questions on this, please contact the MEUA office.

The North East Public Power Association NEPPA and the MEUA have recently completed work on a new contract for the Lineman's Apprentice Training Course and the Safety & Training Program. The new contract is a three-year agreement that takes effect in January 2020. There will also be additional training sessions for the MEUA members to participate in as we move forward in getting our members the best training possible covering many facets in the electric industry.

I'd like to thank NEPPA Executive Director Bonnie Biocchi for her work in seeing this new agreement was completed.

Thank You.



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2019 September
NYISO Report

Resource Adequacy (capacity market) - On August 8, 2019, the New York State Public Service Commission (NYSPSC) issued an order to commence a proceeding to examine how to reconcile the current resource adequacy program (capacity market) and the State's renewable energy and environmental emission reduction goals. Currently, the New York Independent System Operation (NYISO) administers the capacity market. The capacity obligation is determined by

the New York State Reliability Council, which MEUA is a member, and ultimately adopted annually by the NYSPSC, and FERC. The NYISO effectuates this responsibility by requiring all Load Serving Entities (LSEs) including municipal utilities to purchase adequate amounts of generation and demand response to satisfy their capacity obligations in order to meet required reliability standards.

The order states that the capacity market, as currently designed, is an incomplete resource adequacy tool and fails to recognize and provide compensation for factors such as environmental and local reliability requirements. The order asks seven specific questions and requests stakeholder initial comments by November 8, 2019 with reply comments due approximately fifteen (15) days later. Other steps in the proceeding will be decided later.

This proceeding has the potential to change how the current capacity market operates. MEUA and NYMPA will monitor it closely. We will provide additional updates in a future monthly column.

New York State Department of Public Service (NYSDPS) Outage Management – the NYSDPS continues to evaluate several of the investor owned utilities performance during outages that occurred in 2018, 2019, and more recently in July 2019 in New York City. These evaluations generally lead to staff recommendations for improvement and possible penalties for performance deficiencies. More recently, the summer outages in New York City have led to some public and political calls for municipalization of the franchise territory. These proceedings are important on two counts; first they provide important findings that may be of value for our own municipal systems, and secondly, they provide timely examples of why storm management is so important and needs to be closely managed and coordinated. The MEUA systems have a long-standing history of supporting each other during periods of need. In addition, our systems have developed a strong reputation for supporting our New York investor owned utilities in their emergency events. In combination, managing our

own system events well and being there to support others will continue to be major areas of importance for our municipal systems in the future.

New York Electric Vehicle DCFC Infrastructure Buildout – recently the New York State Public Service Commission issued an order to expand the DCFC infrastructure. Each investor owned utility agreed to install a specific number of DCFC ports. In total, this amounts to 1075 new DCFC installations and over \$30M in incentives to aggressively build out the New York electric vehicle infrastructure.

Tesla is suing the New York State Public Service Commission because the company is not eligible for these incentives unless it adds plugs for non-Tesla electric cars at the same port location. Tesla's position is that the Commission does not have the authority to dictate the type of connector used to charge EVs. Further, it is unfair for other types of chargers to get incentives while disadvantaging their technology. The state Supreme Court lawsuit has the potential to delay the build-out of new DCFC stations in New York while the matter is decided.

Upcoming – the 2019 NYISO Summer Operations Final Summary will be included in our October issue.

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Employment Ads

Senior Lineworker: Village of 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 by October 31, 2019.

Line Crew Chief: Village of 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
<https://mycivilservice.yatescounty.org/jobopps>.

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Electric Superintendent: Village of 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.