

Executive Director Report

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MEUA 90th Annual Conference

The MEUA Virtual Annual Meeting, our 90th year, was held on September 17, 2020. Many thanks to the membership for the great attendance. During this time of uncertainty, the virtual meeting is a nice feature to keep the membership updated.

I'd like to thank outgoing President Andrew Thompson for his work during a very difficult time with no face to face meetings from the past Spring through this Fall. Thank you to Andrew for your leadership and involvement.



Incoming President B. Whitfield & Trustee A. Thompson

Larry Kilburn, Arcade, finished his term on the Executive Committee after his seven-year term. Thank you to Larry for your involvement and guidance over the years—you will be missed!!!

Owen McIntee, Spencerport, finished his term on the Executive Committee as well. This year, there were two available slots open on the Executive Committee as we reduced the number of members from seven to five. Owen was appointed to fill a one-year term as VP/Treasurer by President Bill Whitfield as a vacancy

remained to be filled. Owen, the membership thanks you for agreeing to continue to serve.

Newly elected to the Executive Committee this year is Bryan White. Bryan is the Village Manager in Fairport and will be a welcome addition to the committee. Thanks for stepping up Bryan, and good luck.



2020 President Elect Nancy Mitchell, Village of Hamilton

The current 2020-2021 Executive Committee is as follows:

- President William Whitfield, Wellsville
- President-Elect Nancy Mitchell, Hamilton
- VP/Treasurer Owen McIntee, Spencerport
- VP/Secretary Bryan White, Fairport
- Trustee Andrew Thompson, Westfield

Aaron Daniels, Fairport, was the recipient of this year's Deo B. Colburn Award for his efforts as Chair of the Accounting & finance Committee. Good work Aaron—Congratulations!

MEUA Consultants

Mark Cordeiro, PLM, Mike Lyons, IEEP, Kevin Brocks and Ken Podolny, Read and Laniado, and Chris Wentlent gave a combined presentation to the attendees. COVID-19 requirements, PSL Section 66-P, Cost of Electricity delivered to your sub-station, Transmission Public Policy Debates Storm Response/Mutual Aid, the IEEP, Public Power and the Long-Term Agreement were discussed and explained. A copy of the presentation can be found on the MEUA Website.

Accounting Workshop Cancelled

The Accounting Workshop scheduled for November 18 & 19 is cancelled due to the continued effects from the Coronavirus. It is hoped that the Engineering Workshop scheduled for December 16 & 17 may still be held depending on if the current restrictions with Hotel Meeting Rooms is lifted. We will see.

2020 Apprentice Linemen Graduation

The upcoming 2020 MEUA Apprentice Linemen Program Graduation is scheduled to take place at the Woodcliff Hotel & Spa in Fairport, NY on October 22nd. The dinner banquet and ceremony, hosted by Bill Hesson, MEUA/NEPPA Instructor, will begin promptly at 6:30pm. All immediate managers and supervisors are encouraged to attend and show their support! You may RSVP to this event by contacting Narin at the MEUA office by email (info@meua.org) or phone (315-453-7851).



Bill Hesson, MEUA/NEPPA Instructor; on the left

Governor Extends Temporary Extension and Modification of Laws Relating to Disaster Emergency

The temporary Suspension and Modification of Laws Relating to Disaster Emergency. The Temporary suspension was due to expire on October 4, 2020. On October 3rd, the Governor extended the Executive Order until November 3rd, 2020. If it is not extended again, then the 180day extension for residential

customers will begin and expire at the end of April 2021.



Chris Wentlent: 2020 October NYISO Report

Happy Autumn to everyone!

NYISO

NYISO Credit Working Group – Unsecured Credit – The Business Issues Committee and Management Committee both approved the proposed Unsecured Credit tariff change. The matter must now be approved by the NYISO Board of Directions and ultimately, the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC). This possible change is the result of RTOs/ISOs tightening their credit standards due to a major recent default in the PJM RTO and neighboring ISOs, including the NYISO evaluating their current credit standards. The core component of the proposed change is that a municipal system that is not investment graded or does not submit an audited NYSPSC Annual Statement will not be eligible for \$1M in unsecured NYISO credit. This impacts some of our municipal systems. With the combination of our investment grade municipal systems, and systems that provide audited Annual Reports to the New York State Public Service Commission (NYSPSC) and review of our past credit requirements history; we anticipate this change will have a very minor impact—however, it is something we should regularly monitor. Further, we encourage those systems that currently submit unaudited NYSPSC Annual Statements to consider having their statement audited in the future.

NYISO Summer 2020 Operation Summary

Wes Yeomans, Vice President of Operations presented the Summer 2020 Hot Weather Operations Report at the September 23, 2020 Management Committee meeting. The NYISO experience three major hot weather conditions during the summer including:

July 2 – July 10

- Temperature was 98 degrees on July 9th in Buffalo

- Buffalo broke its record for most 90+ degree days with eight days, and Syracuse tied their record of seven days
- Reliability criteria was met
- Special Case Resource activation was not required
- Individual utilities did activate their utility specific demand response programs
- There wasn't need for emergency actions
- Daily wind and solar production ranged from 500 MWs to approximately 600 MWs during the period.

July 18 – July 22

- Governor Cuomo issued an extreme heat warning
- Heat Index values ranged from low 90's to 100 F
- Reliability criteria was met
- Special Case Resource activation was not required
- Individual utilities did activate their utility specific demand response programs
- Daily Wind and Solar production ranged from 400 MWs to approximately 1200 MWs during the period

July 26 – July 30

- Summer Peak Load realized hour 17 on July 27th. Peak load was 30,660 MWs.
- Heat Advisories across much of the state
- Reliability criteria was met
- Special Case Resource activation was not required
- Individual utilities did activate their utility specific demand response programs
- No need for emergency actions
- Daily Wind and Solar production were above 1200 MWs on July 27th
- This was the first summer without Indian Point 2, Somerset, and Cayuga generating stations. Cricket Valley, a natural gas plant, was commercialized prior to the summer 2020. The NYISO stated the peak load impacts were not impacted by COVID because air conditioning load was high enough to replace any negative effects of COVID on energy demand.

NYSPSC

PSC Concludes CLCPA Environmental Impact Statement Review

The New York State Public Service Commission (Commission) concluded its review of

anticipated environmental impacts of the Climate Leadership and Community Protection Act (CLCPA) to help New York State attain the clean energy goals set forth in the Act.

On June 12, 2020, the Commission issued a draft Supplemental Generic Environmental Impact Statement regarding the anticipated environmental impacts from the expanded renewable energy goals in the CLCPA, a necessary step before implementation of the statute's renewable energy procurement targets can move forward.

In making its final determination regarding the draft, the Commission reviewed over 140 comments submitted by the public and interested stakeholders. The CLCPA strengthened the State's existing clean energy targets by directing the Commission to establish a program requiring utilities and other energy providers to procure 70 percent of their electricity from renewable energy resources by 2030, up from 50 percent previously, with the ultimate goal of zero net carbon emissions from the grid by 2040. The CLCPA also sets technology-specific requirements, including the deployment of at least 9,000 MW of offshore wind by 2035, 6,000 MW of photovoltaic solar by 2025, and 3,000 MW of energy storage resources by 2030.

In making its final determination, the Commission was required to identify the potential environmental impacts of these renewable energy targets and the means available to minimize any that are adverse, as required by the State Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQRA).

The CLCPA complements New York State initiatives over the past several years that have aimed at substantially increasing the use of renewable energy and reducing greenhouse gas emissions, including:

- **Solar Power:** In May 2019, the Commission established a target of 6,000 MW of distributed solar to be deployed in New York State by 2025 under the NY-Sun program, which is administered by the New York State Energy Research and Development Authority (NYSERDA).
- **Clean Energy:** In August 2016, the Commission adopted the Clean Energy Standard (CES), which established a goal that 50 percent of all electricity consumed in New York by 2030 be supplied by renewable resources;
- **Offshore Wind:** In July 2018, the Commission adopted an offshore wind procurement goal of

2,400 MW by 2030, and in April 2020 authorized an additional 1,800 MW of offshore wind to be procured in 2020; and

- **Energy Storage:** In December 2019, the Commission adopted energy storage deployment goals of 1,500 MW of energy storage by 2025 and 3,000 MW of energy storage by 2030.

On June 18, 2020, NYSERDA and Department of Public Service staff filed a whitepaper with the Commission detailing recommendations on how the expanded renewable energy mandates of the CLCPA could be accomplished, primarily through various program modifications to the CES to reflect new clean energy targets. The comment period for the whitepaper recently expired, and the Commission is expected to address the whitepaper soon. MEUA/NYMPA submitted comments in this proceeding.

MEUA Municipal Member Employment Advertisements

Springville: Lineman Electric Division

The **Village of Springville** is currently seeking applicants for a Lineman position in the electric division.

Candidates must have a thorough knowledge in high voltage electric power distribution systems and/or experience as a journeyman line worker.

Candidates should have knowledge of the construction, maintenance, and repair of high voltage electric 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 poles and towers; ability to plan and supervise the work of apprentices; ability to understand and carry out oral and written instructions; physical strength and endurance.

The Village of Springville is a union shop with salaries based off contract. The Village also offers excellent municipal benefits. Applications available at www.villageofspringvilleny.com front page employment.

Additional information call 716-592-4936 ext. 1589. Duane Boberg, Superintendent of Public Works.

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 with any questions.

Wellsville: Lineworker

The **Village of Wellsville**, Department of Public Works, is presently accepting applications to fill a vacancy in the Municipal Electric Division. This position will require working with high voltage electric and will encounter working at considerable heights in possible adverse conditions.

The position will also require completion of a 4-year apprentice Lineworker program as set forth by the Municipal Electric Utilities Association and the NYS Department of Labor.

Qualifications – The ideal candidate will possess an Associate’s Degree from an accredited electrical trade school or three (3) years of equivalent experience in the commercial electric trade, a valid NYS CDL driver’s license, and reside within a fifteen (15) minute drive of the Village of Wellsville.

Applications will be accepted at the Village of Wellsville, Department of Public Works, 200 Bolivar Road, Wellsville, NY 14895 through 09/04/2020. The Village of Wellsville is an Equal Employment Opportunity Employer.

Please include The West Rock Company Case Study Here.