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After a cold spell towards the end of January and some snow accumulation, February is starting out on the milder side. I'm sure we will see more winter weather despite Punxsutawney Phil not seeing his shadow on February 2nd.



Today we saw a cold front come in from the Western part of the State causing some icing issues in some areas.

The Village of Akron had some lines & poles come down and mutual aid was rendered from the Villages of Bergen, Springville & Arcade. Thanks to Matt Campbell, Western Liaison for setting the mutual aid to Akron in motion.

NYPA recently notified MEUA of a unilateral reduction to the capacity it has been supplying from Niagara. The change is to how everyone has always understood the term "Firm Hydroelectric Power", as defined in NYPA Tariffs. This reduces the amount of Unforced Capacity (UCAP) that each municipal receives from Niagara toward its NYISO mandated requirement. It directly affects the municipals by taking away Firm Power that NYPA will then sell to others, which increases the amount we must buy on the market. NYPA's proposed action is estimated to cost our members between \$500k and \$1 million annually. We believe it violates a multi-

decade definition of "Firm" that has its legacy back to the New York Power Pool, prior to the creation of the NYISO.

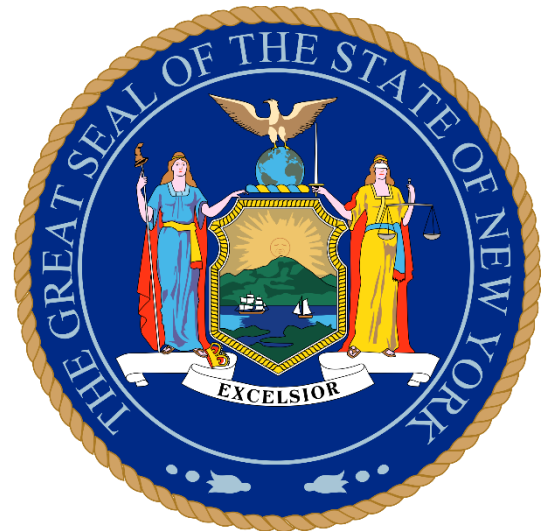
We have talked to NYPA about this and have told them we do not agree with this change. We have told them we should continue dialog. We would expect to continue to dispute NYPA's proposed change if it implements the reduction.

The membership will be kept informed on this issue moving forward.

If not already done, please make sure your Environmental Disclosure Labels have been sent to your customers for 2017. Again, these labels should be delivered to your rate payers by insert, special mailing or actual delivery. Simply posting notices is not sufficient according to PSC rules.

A number of Members have contacted me in regards to the Governor's budget plan to lower the Aid Incentive for Municipalities. (AIM) This issue is being addressed with our lobby group as I know the importance of this aid incentive to your Municipal.

If you haven't already, you may want to contact your State Representative and express your concerns.



This is a hot topic in Albany as the budget discussions continue.

Thank You

# **Chris Wentlent: February 2019**

## **NYISO Report**

### **December 2018 Market Report**

The LBMP average for December 2018 was \$40.31/MWh. The December 2018 average year-to-date monthly cost of \$44.92/MWh is a 23% increase compared to the December 2017 year-to-date. Uplift per MWh continues to be low. December 2018 uplift costs were (\$0.29)/MWh.

**NYISO Strategic Plan** – On January 22, the New York Independent System Operator (NYISO) released its five-year strategic plan focused on addressing the changing electric grid needs going forward. The *Strategic Plan* is based on the NYISO Board of Directors’ review of financial and regulatory outlooks, as well as the economic and environmental factors affecting market participants and stakeholders. It accounts for market and regulatory trends that will shape the industry going forward, and positions the NYISO’s markets, planning processes, and operational practices for changes in the energy industry landscape.

The [2019-2023 Strategic Plan](#), clearly defines the path forward and embraces the increasingly prominent role public policy initiatives are taking in reshaping the grid. Working in close coordination with market participants, stakeholders, policy makers and regulators, the NYISO remains committed to being a leader in reliability, market design and technological innovation.

Over the next five years, the NYISO will lead efforts in the following areas:

### ***Reliability***

Promote resource adequacy and transmission security now and in the future; sustain and enhance reliable operation of the bulk power system.

### ***Market Design and Performance***

Develop enhancements to the wholesale electricity markets that increase reliability, efficiency, and foster new investment.

### ***Thought Leadership***

Provide an independent, unbiased source of information on New York’s grid and energy markets, by analyzing long-term reliability, environmental and cost impacts of policy and technology choices.

### ***Planning Processes and Coordination***

Conduct reliability, economic, and public policy planning studies and other future grid planning initiatives.

### ***Technology Innovation***

Develop innovative market products, reliability tools, and information architecture to maintain reliable, optimally performing and secure operation of existing systems while reinforcing and enhancing cybersecurity protocols and best practices.

***Several of the specific major projects from the report are listed in the table below:***

Initiative	2019 projects	2020 projects	2021 projects	2022-2023 projects
	Enhancing Fuel and Energy Security	Enhancing Fuel and Energy Security	Enhancing Fuel and Energy Security	Climate Change Impact and Resilience Study
	Climate Change Impact and Resilience Study	Climate Change Impact and Resilience Study	Climate Change Impact and Resilience Study	Flexible Transaction Scheduling
<b>Grid Reliability &amp; Resilience</b>	Comprehensive System Planning Process Reform	Comprehensive System Planning Process Reform	Comprehensive System Planning Process Reform	Reserve Procurement for Resilience
	Reserve Procurement for Resilience	Reserve Procurement for Resilience	Reserve Procurement for Resilience	Solar on Dispatch
		Solar on Dispatch	Solar on Dispatch	
		Operational Situational Awareness	Operational Situational Awareness	
Initiative	2019 projects	2020 projects	2021 projects	2022-2023 projects
	Enhanced Fast Start Pricing	Enhanced Fast Start Pricing		
	More Granular Operating Reserves	More Granular Operating Reserves	More Granular Operating Reserves	More Granular Operating Reserves
<b>Efficient Markets for a Grid in Transition</b>	Ancillary Services Shortage Pricing	Ancillary Services Shortage Pricing	Ancillary Services Shortage Pricing	Ancillary Services Shortage Pricing
	Tailored Availability Metric	Tailored Availability Metric	Tailored Availability Metric	Constraint Specific Shortage Pricing
	External Capacity Performance and Obligations	External Capacity Performance and Obligations	External Capacity Performance and Obligations	Demand Curve Reset
	Demand Curve Reset	Demand Curve Reset	Comprehensive Mitigation Review	Comprehensive Mitigation Review
	Constraint Specific Shortage Pricing	Comprehensive Mitigation Review	Flexible Ramping Product	Flexible Ramping Product
	Comprehensive Mitigation Review		Regulation Market Improvements	Regulation Market Improvements
Initiative	2019 projects	2020 projects	2021 projects	2022-2023 projects
	DER Participation Model	DER Participation Model	DER Participation Model	Storage and Renewables Aggregation Model
	Dual Participation	Dual Participation	Dual Participation	
	Meter Service Entity	Meter Service Entity	Meter Service Entity	
<b>New Resource Integration</b>	NYISO Pilot Framework	NYISO Pilot Framework	Storage and Renewables Aggregation Model	
	Energy Storage Resource Participation Moel	Energy Storage Resource Participation Moel		
		Storage and Renewables Aggregation Model		

# Employment Ads

## **ELECTRIC SUPERVISOR**

### **VILLAGE OF WATKINS GLEN**

The **Village of Watkins Glen** is accepting applications for the following position in their Electric Department. For a complete job description and application, please visit Schuyler County Civil Service, 105 Ninth St, Unit 21, Watkins Glen, NY or [www.schuylercounty.us](http://www.schuylercounty.us). Applications must be submitted to the Schuyler County Civil Service office NOT the Village of Watkins Glen.

\* Last date to file an application is: March 1, 2019.

Supervisor of Village Electric Department - Salary: \$31 - \$35/hr (eligible for overtime)

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Email: [info@meua.org](mailto:info@meua.org)

*Thank you*

## **ELECTRIC SUPERINTENDENT**

### **VILLAGE OF ROUSES POINT, NY**

**ROUSES POINT:** The Village of Rouses Point is seeking an Electric Superintendent to manage and maintain its underground municipal electric system. This is a full-time position with full benefits. Starting annual salary \$65,000-\$75,000, depending on experience.

Applications can be picked up at the Village Office, located at 139 Lake Street, Rouses Point, NY or online at [www.rousespointny.com](http://www.rousespointny.com). Your resume, along with the Civil Service application, may be returned in person or emailed to [clerk@rousespointny.com](mailto:clerk@rousespointny.com).

The deadline for applications will be COB March 1, 2019.

## **CHIEF LINEWORKER**

### **VILLAGE OF ROUSES POINT, NY**

**ROUSES POINT:** The Village of Rouses Point is seeking a Chief Line Worker. This is a full-time position with full benefits. Starting salary is \$30 per hour and individuals must possess a high school diploma or GED, have two (2) years of experience as a Line Worker on power distribution systems or an equivalent combination of training and experience.

Applications can be picked up at the Village Office, located at 139 Lake Street, Rouses Point, NY or online at [www.rousespointny.com](http://www.rousespointny.com). Your resume, along with the Civil Service application, may be returned in person or emailed to [clerk@rousespointny.com](mailto:clerk@rousespointny.com).

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