Distribution System Planning

- The second Long-Term Load and DER Forecasting stakeholder engagement group meeting was held at Con Edison on Friday, July 14. The summary of the July 14 meeting can soon be found on the JU website. Highlights of the stakeholder session included:
  - JU addressed stakeholder feedback from previous forecasting EG session;
  - Con Edison and Orange and Rockland presentations generated deep interest among stakeholders and helped utilities portray their current forecasting methods;
  - Stakeholders expressed interest in probabilistic planning methodology as way to address uncertainty and reflect a broader set of possible outcomes (Tesla presented on methodology to address system planning at a more granular level);
  - Stakeholders discussed some use cases related to non-wires alternative (NWA) opportunities, hosting capacity data availability and the forecasting evolution process;
  - Stakeholders suggested expanding collaborations with academia to address longer term research questions related to probabilistic approaches and DER supply curves.

- At the Interconnection Technical Working Group (ITWG) meeting on July 19, DPS Staff agreed to accept the JU’s proposed size thresholds for monitoring and control (M&C) requirements.
  - The ITWG will follow up in six months to review the progress on how M&C impacts projects.

Grid Operations

- The JU-NYISO Task Force is addressing coordination issues related to registration of aggregations, mapping of DER to substation load bus transformers, operational coordination and communications. Initially the Task Force is mapping the flow of data/information necessary for coordination between the aggregator, NYISO and DSP necessary to secure the system. There will be a stakeholder engagement group scheduled later this year to review progress.
Market Operations

- The Joint Utilities are internally sharing experiences as some utilities are releasing and evaluating non-wires alternatives (NWA) RFPs.
- The Joint Utilities created a page on the JU website to provide users a central location to find links to utility-specific web pages or portals to view notification of NWA opportunities and NWA RFPs. The Joint Utilities also worked with the REV Connect team to develop content for an NWA opportunities page on the REV Connect website.
- The Joint Utilities formed an Electric Vehicle Supply Equipment (EVSE) working group which has begun work to develop the Joint Utilities EVSE Readiness Framework that was identified in the November 2016 JU Supplemental DSIP filing.

Data Access

- The second Joint Utilities System Data stakeholder engagement session will be held August 17 in Albany. The Joint Utilities are working with stakeholders from the DER development community to better understand how utility system data is being used, and more importantly, which types of data are most important to a developer for specific projects. The JU are co-developing use-case examples of what type of data is of most value for specific type DER development (e.g., PV, storage, DR, microgrid, community PV, etc.). The results of the use case development effort will be co-presented by stakeholders and the JU at the August 17 System Data stakeholder session to solicit input from a broader group of stakeholders. The JU are interested in getting a better sense of 1) how currently available system data is used, 2) what improvements might be valuable (e.g., more granular, more history, etc.) and 3) what additional data would be most valuable to users under a specific use case.
  - To RSVP or for more information, please email info@jointutilitiesofny.org.

Company DSP Enablement Work

- The Joint Utilities of New York Advisory Group will be meeting on August 24 in Albany to discuss JU DSP implementation efforts, upcoming stakeholder engagement meetings and the November stakeholder conference.
- The Joint Utilities, with input from the JU Advisory Group members, will host a full day in-person stakeholder engagement conference in NYC on November 30. Details will be posted soon on the JU website.
To increase transparency and accessibility of REV related activities, each utility maintains a web portal focused on distributed generation. Please click on the links below to visit each company’s website for more information:

- Central Hudson – Distributed Generation
- Con Edison – Distribution System Platform
- National Grid – System Data Portal
- NYSEG – Distributed Generation
- RG&E – Distributed Generation
- O&R – Using Private Generation Energy Resources

**Regulatory Policy**

- The Joint Utilities are working with DPS Staff and stakeholders on VDER Phase 2 Implementation matters in three work groups:
  - The Low and Moderate Income working group had its first meeting on Friday, August 4 and will next meet on August 23;
  - The Value Stack and Rate Design working groups will have initial meetings on August 22.
- The Joint Utilities continue to review a White Paper that DPS Staff issued on energy efficiency incentives, and are considering filing comments on the report by August 21.
- The Joint Utilities filed comments on July 24 regarding Staff’s Clean Energy Standard Phase 2 Implementation Proposal.
- NYSEG and RG&E and Orange and Rockland are engaging with DPS Staff and stakeholders on the details of proposals the companies have made for Earnings Adjustment Mechanisms.
- The Companies are working with DPS Staff to address concerns related to the Companies’ May 8 Interconnection EAM filing. The Companies are in the process of preparing a revised proposal for discussion with DPS Staff.