



Distribution System Planning

- ❖ The Joint Utilities continue to work through the opportunities and challenges of displaying sub-feeder level hosting capacity using the current visualization platform in Stage 3, as well as approach an expected timing of Stage 2.1.
 - Stage 2.1 is currently slated for a mid-April release.
- ❖ The Hosting Capacity Working Group recently met with EPRI to discuss the forthcoming updates to the DRIVE tool and how that may impact the assumptions used in Stage 3, as well the timing of its release.
- ❖ Following the January 31, 2018 Interconnection Technical Working Group (ITWG) meeting, the Joint Utilities provided follow-up responses to DPS Staff to support resolving the outstanding issues with regards to voltage flicker and how other voltages related issues are evaluated in the SIR screens. More information on the ITWG can be found [here](#).
- ❖ Prior to the March 27 ITWG meeting, the Joint Utilities submitted materials on effective grounding and standardizing the CERSIR report template for discussion. This topic will be further discussed during a call scheduled for April 3.

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. The Task Force is mapping the flow of data/information necessary for coordination between the aggregator, DER, NYISO, and DSP necessary to preserve system reliability and safety.
- ❖ The Joint Utilities continue to coordinate with the NYISO as it launches its Pilot Program to test aspects of its DER market design concept proposal.
- ❖ The Monitoring and Control Working Group has begun drafting a document to record the progress made on further cost reductions to low cost alternatives for monitoring and control.
- ❖ In order to more fully integrate energy storage, each utility will deploy energy storage projects, operating at two or more separate distribution substations or feeders, by December 31, 2018.



Market Operations

- ❖ 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 review potential non-wires alternatives (NWA) opportunities and RFPs. The Joint Utilities also worked with the REV Connect team to develop content for a NWA opportunities page on the [REV Connect website](#).
- ❖ The Joint Utilities published a draft of their [EV Readiness Framework](#) to the [JU website](#). If you have additional questions regarding the Framework, please email info@jointutilitiesofny.org.
- ❖ The Joint Utilities are preparing a response to the joint petition of 41 groups for an Order Establishing a Separate Proceeding to Advance New York's Electric Vehicle Market in Case No. 14-M-0101 and Case No. 16-M-0411.

Data Access

- ❖ The Joint Utilities continue to maintain a [System Data webpage](#) on the JU website that provides a catalog of JU system data that is currently available to the public, with links to the locations of the utility-specific websites or portals. Please email info@jointutilitiesofny.org with any feedback or suggestions regarding accessibility or usefulness of the information.
- ❖ The Joint Utilities responded to the Public Service Commission's Notice for comments in the Utility Energy Registry (UER) proceeding (Case 17-M-0315) on February 26, 2018, and submitted reply comments on March 9, 2018.

Company DSP Enablement Work

- ❖ The Joint Utilities Advisory Group (AG) will meet again in April 2018 to discuss the progress of the utility Distributed System Implementation Plans to be filed in June 2018.
- ❖ Please click on the links below to visit each company's web portals developed to facilitate DER integration:
 - 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 continue to work with DPS Staff and stakeholders on VDER Phase 2 Implementation matters.
 - The Companies have shared details on the approach each takes to understanding distribution system marginal costs, and how these inform VDER Phase 1 Value Stack compensation.
 - The Joint Utilities sponsored a presentation by the Brattle Group on optimal rate design approaches. The Companies have responded to information requests related to this presentation and other information that was discussed in the March 6 Rate Design Working Group meeting in New York City.
 - The Companies are producing resources to support stakeholders' development of alternative rate designs. The Joint Utilities look forward to working with Staff and stakeholders to assess these proposals for a permanent replacement to Net Energy Metering.
 - The Companies will be active participants in the new Environmental Justice sub-working group (within the Value Stack working group).
- ❖ Several of the Joint Utilities remain engaged with DPS Staff and stakeholders on the Earnings Adjustment Mechanism designs in individual company rate case proceedings.