



Distribution System Planning

- ❖ The Joint Utilities recorded and posted an instructional video on the Stage 2 hosting capacity displays as additional reference material to the end users on the [JU hosting capacity webpage](#).
- ❖ 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.
- ❖ The Joint Utilities recently met with the ITWG to continue support resolving outstanding items for discussion such as; voltage flicker, updating the SIR screens, and energy storage metering configurations.

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, DER, NYISO, and DSP necessary to preserve system reliability and safety. The JU ISO-DSP Coordination Working Group hosted a stakeholder engagement group session on October 23 in NYC and provided a [Draft DSP Communications and Coordination Manual](#) and [Draft DSP-Aggregator Agreement for NYISO Pilot Program](#) to facilitate discussion. A summary deck of the major discussion areas and next steps from the session can be found on the [JU website](#).
- ❖ 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 NWS opportunities



and RFPs. The Joint Utilities also worked with the REV Connect team to develop content for a NWS opportunities page on the [REV Connect website](#).

- ❖ The Joint Utilities developed a draft of their EV Readiness Framework. The Joint Utilities held a stakeholder session focused on the Framework on February 1, 2018 in NYC. Feedback on the Framework is requested from stakeholders by February 26. If you have additional questions regarding the Framework, please email info@jointutilitiesofny.org. The final draft of the Readiness Framework will be posted to the [JU website](#) by the end of February.

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 continue to engage stakeholders on business use cases for customer data and system data. Please email info@jointutilitiesofny.org if you would like to participate in these ongoing discussions.
- ❖ The Joint Utilities plan to respond to the Public Service Commission's Notice for comments in the Utility Energy Registry (UER) proceeding (Case 17-M-0315), issued December 15, 2017, and to NYSERDA's petition regarding access to customer data filed on December 5, 2017 in Case 14-M-0094.

Company DSP Enablement Work

- ❖ 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 [updates will be incorporated into next version]

- ❖ The Joint Utilities continue to work with DPS Staff and stakeholders on VDER Phase 2 Implementation matters in the Low and Moderate Income (LMI), Value Stack, and Rate Design working groups
 - The Companies recently filed comments on the DPS Staff's Expedited Value Stack Eligibility comments.
 - The Joint Utilities look forward to working with Staff and stakeholders to evaluate alternative rate design proposals for the successor to traditional Net Energy Metering. The Companies will be collaborating with stakeholders in working group sessions at the end of January and throughout 2018 to assess the customer behavior effects, bill impacts, and other features of competing rate design proposals that will be put forward by working group participants.
 - The Companies are working with Staff and stakeholders on challenges related to the compensation for DER injections (i.e., the Value Stack).
 - The Companies will be active participants in the new Environmental Justice track of the Rate Design and Value Stack working groups.
- ❖ The Joint Utilities remain engaged with DPS Staff and stakeholders on the Earnings Adjustment Mechanism designs in individual company rate case proceedings.
- ❖ The Companies continue to closely monitor the Retail Access proceeding. Parties will be filing initial and reply briefs in several weeks.
- ❖ The Companies are in the process of addressing privacy and information security concerns related to a petition by NYSERDA for access to certain customer data.