Distribution System Planning

- In an effort to provide more commonality and transparency across each utility, the Joint Utilities are preparing drafts of a standardized preliminary screening report and a matrix noting where individual utilities slightly differ in interconnection requirements for further evaluation by the ITWG.
- Following the October 1, 2018 refresh of the Stage 2 Hosting Capacity analysis, the Joint Utilities are now focused on developing and finalizing their approach to Stage 3 Hosting Capacity.
- The Companies appreciate the constructive comments submitted by stakeholders on the July 2018 DSIP filings. The Companies are currently preparing a response to stakeholder comments, which will be filed no later than December 19, 2018.

Grid Operations

- The JU ISO-DSP Working Group continues discussions with the NYISO concerning the NYISO's recent proposal to change capacity market rules, including options for energy storage resources and DER with duration limitations to receive a prorated compensation for providing capacity.
- The JU-NYISO Task Force continues to work on coordination issues as well as 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.
- 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, and the utilities will collaborate to create a standard set of monitoring and control requirements for storage systems.
- The Joint Utilities continue to facilitate in-depth internal discussions around the topical areas of M&C, Control Center Tools, and Planning by sharing lessons learned and best practices.

Market Operations

- The Joint Utilities provide regularly updated central locations for users to find links to utility-specific webpages to review potential non-wires alternatives opportunities and RFPs. Please visit the following links for updated information:
  - Non-Wires Alternatives RFPs webpage on the Joint Utilities website
  - REV Connect webpage on non-wires alternatives
- The Joint Utilities of New York recently filed a *Consensus Proposal to Encourage Statewide Deployment of Direct Current Fast Charging Facilities for Electric Vehicles*, including mechanisms to enhance the business potential for DCFC infrastructure across the state, on behalf of the Joint Utilities, New York Power Authority, New York State Department of Environmental Conservation, New York State Department of Transportation, New York State Energy Research and Development Authority, and New York State Thruway Authority. The Joint Utilities held a webinar on November 27, 2018 to explain the proposal and to answer questions. The presentation slides from the webinar are available on the JU website.

Information Sharing

- Visit the Joint Utilities System Data webpage on the JU website to find links to the locations of the utility-specific websites or portals that host useful system data. Please email info@jointutilitiesofny.org with any feedback or suggestions regarding accessibility or usefulness of the information.
- Utilities have posted load-area level 8760 hour forecasts as part of their DSIP filings, which can be accessed in the various utility portals.
- Con Edison posted a low voltage network hosting capacity map that is utility specific and particular to their designs in New York City. This map is available on the utility data portal.

Company DSP Enablement Work

- The Joint Utilities submitted their Distributed System Implementation Plans on July 31, 2018. The web links to these documents are available through the Joint Utilities System Data webpage. Stakeholders filed comments with the Commission on November 27, 2018, and the Joint Utilities will submit reply comments responding to stakeholder filings by December 19, 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 Information Portal
  - NYSEG – Distributed Generation
  - RG&E – Distributed Generation
  - O&R – Using Private Generation Energy Resources

Regulatory Policy

- The Companies have recently made filings describing policies that will most benefit customers related to:
  - Hybrid solar and storage tariffs
  - Expanded eligibility for VDER compensation
- The Companies have continued to work with stakeholders and Staff in consideration of rate designs to replace NEM (and associated bill impacts), including by providing new information to stakeholders. The Companies look forward to continued engagement with stakeholders on future rate design policies after DPS Staff files its recommendations for future rate design at the end of 2018.
- The Joint Utilities continue to work with stakeholders on provisions related to data security among ESCOs and EDI providers. These provisions include cybersecurity requirements (i.e., insurance and vendor vulnerability assessments) and establish protections for the safety and security of customer data.
- The Companies are preparing comments in response to DPS Staff's proposal to eliminate the Interconnection Earnings Adjustment Mechanism ("IEAM").
- The Joint Utilities are preparing amended tariff leaves for residential Time-of-Use programs specifically tailored to customers with Electric Vehicles, as directed in the Commission's November 15, 2018 Order in proceeding 18-E-0206.
- The Companies are preparing compliance filings pertaining to energy storage installations that will be filed by the end of 2018
- The Companies are reviewing and determining approaches in response to the recent Commission Energy Storage Order, which sets storage targets of 1,500 MW by 2025 and 3,000 MW by 2030, while also requiring each utility to issue RFPs for procurement of bulk-level energy storage systems within their territories