



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, and filed a response to these stakeholder comments with NYPSC on December 12, 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.
- ❖ 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 webinar slide presentation is 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](#).
- ❖ DPS Staff approved the Joint Utilities aggregated whole building data terms and conditions on January 7, 2019.

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](#). As noted above, the Joint Utilities submitted DSIP reply comments responding to stakeholder filings on 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 remain focused on the hybrid solar/storage tariff filings that will be made on Jan. 11, 2019 pursuant to the Commission's Dec. 13, 2018 Order Implementing Hybrid Energy Storage System Tariffs.
- ❖ The Joint Utilities look forward to working with DPS Staff and stakeholders to arrive at sensible policy development related to rate design and Value Stack elements addressed in recent Staff white papers on (1) Standby and Buyback Rates; (2) Capacity Value; and (3) Avoided Distribution Costs. The Companies are preparing comments on these proposals and will file comments on February 25.
- ❖ The Joint Utilities are preparing implementation plans for energy storage procurements that are required to be made in 2019. These plans will be filed on February 11.
- ❖ The Companies look forward to discussions with DPS Staff and NYSERDA concerning the preparation of a work plan for the Market Design and Integration Report. Staff will file the work plan on March 1.
- ❖ The Joint Utilities continue to work with stakeholders on provisions related to data security among ESCOs and EDI providers. The companies are preparing for a separate proceeding on these matters, as has been suggested in two Dec 2018 Commission orders (the EE Order and the Energy Storage Order).
- ❖ Energy Efficiency experts from each of the Joint Utilities are working on updated ETIP filings, which will be made February 11. In addition, these experts are focused on the preparation of budget and target filings, which will be made March 31.
- ❖ The Companies will file comments in response to DPS Staff's proposal to eliminate the Interconnection Earnings Adjustment Mechanism ("IEAM") on January 6. The Joint Utilities recommend that they be permitted to transfer the IEAM earnings opportunity to other EAMs in rate plans that are currently in effect in order to preserve the overall earnings opportunity that was determined through collaboration with multiple stakeholders.
- ❖ The Companies look forward to reviewing Staff's report on rate design (i.e., the NEM successor rates that have been proposed and evaluated over recent months).