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	Committee	Appeals Meeting				
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	7:00 PM WATER & SEWER Committee Mtg.					
	7:30 PM Municipal					
	Properties/ED Committee					
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	Commission Meeting					
	6:15 PM PARKS & REC					
	Committee Meeting					
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	7:30 PM SAFETY & HUMAN					
	RESOURCES Committee					
	Meeting					



## CITY OF NAPOLEON, OHIO

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DATE:

March 26, 2015

**ACTING FINANCE DIRECTOR** 

TO:

Christine R. Peddicord, Assistant Finance Director

Members of City Council Ronald A. Behm, Mayor Monica Irelan, City Manager

Trevor M. Hayberger, City Law Director

All Department / Division Heads

FROM:

Gregory J. Heath, Finance Director/Clerk of Council

SUBJECT:

Acting Finance Director/Clerk of Council -

Assigned to Christine R. Peddicord

Please be informed I will be out of the office from Friday, March 27, 2015, starting at 7:30 AM through Monday, April 6, 2015, ending at 7:29 AM. I plan to return to my office on Monday, April 6, 2015 at 7:30 AM.

<u>During this period I appoint the following person as Acting Finance Director/Clerk of Council:</u>

#### Ms. Christine R. Peddicord, Acting Finance Director

This person is hereby delegated all such power and authority of the Office of the Finance Director/Clerk of Council for the periods so listed as authorized by City Charter and Code.

Please direct all requests through Ms. Peddicord during this period. We will be in direct communication as needed.

Thank you.

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Finance Director/Clerk of Council

March 20, 2015

# PJM posts results for 2015-2016 Third Incremental Capacity Auction

By Brandon Poddany – power supply planning engineer

PJM posted the results of the 2015-2016 Third Incremental Capacity Auction (3IA) on March 6. The auction cleared with three distinct pricing regions: PJM RTO (including ATSI), MAAC/Eastern PJM, and PS/PS North. The results were similar to the 2015-2016 Base Residual Auction (BRA) that took place in May 2012 in all the pricing regions except for ATSI (FirstEnergy).

Unlike the previous 2015-2016 auctions, the ATSI (FirstEnergy) region cleared at the PJM RTO rate, not as a separate pricing zone. In both the PJM RTO region and the MAAC/Eastern PJM region, the limited DR product cleared lower than the BRA price, while the extended summer and annual products cleared above the BRA price.

The ATSI region averaged a 55 percent decrease in clearing prices across all the product types as compared to the BRA prices. An interesting aspect of this auction was PJM's decision to hold 2,000 MW of excess capacity out of the auction. PJM will incorporate the extra 2,000 MW of capacity into its 2015-2016 plans, which will increase the capacity reserve margin by approximately 2 percent. With PJM withholding these megawatts from sale, there were fewer resources available for capacity buyers to purchase, ultimately resulting in a higher clearing price.

Capacity charges are billed on a planning year basis. The new capacity prices will begin on June 1, 2015, and continue through May 31, 2016.

2015-2016 RPM AUCTION CLEARING PRICES (\$/KW-MO)						
LDA*	Demand Response Product Type	Base Residual Auction	1st Incremental Auction	2nd Incremental Auction	3rd Incremental Auction	
PJM RTO**	Limited	\$3.61	\$1.31	\$3.76	\$3.06	
PJM RTO	Extended	\$4.14	\$1.31	\$4.14	\$4.96	
PJM RTO	Annual	\$4.14	\$1.31	\$4.14	\$4.96	
MACC/EAST PJM+	Limited	\$4.56	\$3.38	\$4.29	\$3.72	
MACC/EAST PJM	Extended	\$5.09	\$3.38	\$4.67	\$5.62	
MACC/EAST PJM	Annual	\$5.09	\$3.38	\$4.67	\$5.62	
ATSI (FirstEnergy)	Limited	\$9.27	\$5.12	\$6.21	\$3.06	
ATSI	Extended	\$9.80	\$5.12	\$6.59	\$4.96	
ATSI	Annual	\$10.86	\$5.12	\$6.59	\$4.96	

<sup>\*</sup>Locational Deliverability Area (LDA)

+MACC/EAST PJM LDA includes the following AMP member zones: DEMEC, PENELEC, PPL, METED and Delmarva

## Energy prices higher as cooler temperatures return

By Ryan Thompson – power supply planning engineer

With temperatures forecasted to be cooler than normal, it is causing energy prices to push higher. This is expected to be the last week showing net withdrawals for the season as next week we should be moving into injection season.

The natural gas storage is 52 percent above last year and 13 percent below the five-year average. April natural gas prices finished the week up \$0.08/MMBtu to finish yesterday at \$2.81/MMBtu. 2016 on-peak power prices at AD Hub closed up \$0.17/MWh from last week, finishing yesterday at \$41.95/MWh.

### AFEC weekly update

By Ryan Thompson

AFEC continued to have strong production this week. The plant was at base maximum for most of the morning and evening peak hours, and for 17 hours on March 19.

The plant was dispatched offline twice this week – on Sunday, March 15, due to lower market prices, and again for five hours Tuesday night into Wednesday morning due to testing of the steam turbine prior to the planned spring maintenance outage. The plant ended the week with a 55 percent load factor (based on 675 MW).



#### **News or Ads?**

Call Krista Selvage at 614.540.6407 or email to kbselvage@amppartners.org if you would like to pass along news or ads.

<sup>\*\*</sup>PJM RTO LDA includes the following AMP member zones: AEP, Allegheny, Duke and Dayton

#### AMP/OMEA file comments on USEPA's proposed rule for ozone air quality

By Cody Dill, EI - manager of environmental affairs

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA) is poised to revise ozone standards, having released a proposed rule in November 2014 that would reduce the level of the national ambient air quality standard (NAAQS) for ozone. AMP and OMEA filed comments to USEPA on March 16, voicing concerns over the major impact the standards will have on both electric generating units and industrial facilities.

The USEPA is required to review, and if necessary revise, NAAQS every five years. The ozone NAAQS was last revised in 2008 and resulted in USEPA lowering the primary standard to 75 parts per billion (ppb). The November 2014 rule is proposing a further reduction to a level between 65 and 70 ppb. Reducing the primary standard from 75 ppb would substantially increase the number of areas designated as nonattainment for ozone.

In our submitted comments, AMP/OMEA strongly encourage USEPA to delay any revisions to the current ozone standard until state programs designed to achieve the 2008 standard have been fully implemented.

"We cannot adequately stress the importance that reason plays in the review of the ozone NAAQS. Given the plethora of programs now in place or about to be implemented, NAAQS considerations should not be viewed in a vacuum," AMP and OMEA stated in the comments. "States are currently working on implementing the existing ozone standard. At the same time, they are also expending significant resources on other air quality programs, some quite significant such as the Clean Power Plan. At some point, EPA must recognize that state resources are not infinite, and the ability to effectuate plans to improve air quality will be severely hampered by overburdening states. These proposed revisions to the ozone standard are a prime example, as state efforts to comply with the existing standard."

Staff will be providing updates on the proposed rule as it develops. The AMP/OMEA comments are available on the AMP website for your review. For more information, please contact me at cdill@amppartners.org or Jolene Thompson at jthompson@amppartners.org.

#### AMP member technical data

As a reminder, AMP is seeking community technical data for the AMP Member Directory and annual reports. The data is also used for processing AMP Service Fee A and OMEA annual dues. Thank you to those who have already responded. If your community did not receive a form or if there are any please contact Greg Grant at 614.540.1067 or ggrant@amppartners.org.

#### On Peak (16 hour) prices into AEP/Dayton Hub

Week end	ling March 20			
MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI
\$26.47	<b>\$29.27</b>	\$36.25	\$34.14	\$30.62
Week end	ling March 13			
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\$34.08	<b>\$30.78</b>	<b>\$29.94</b>	<b>\$26.92</b>	\$33.33

AEP/Dayton 2016 5x16 price as of March 20 — \$41.95 AEP/Dayton 2016 5x16 price as of March 13 — \$41.78

### APPA offers events to assist with RP3 applications

By Michelle Palmer, PE – assistant vice president of technical services

The American Public Power Association (APPA) is offering a free webinar series to assist those interested in attaining the Reliable Public Power Provider (RP3) designation. Remaining webinars are:



Reliable Public Power Provider

- Safety 1 to 2 p.m. March 27
- Workforce Development 1 to 2 p.m. April 3
- System Improvement 1 to 2 p.m. April 10

RP3 is APPA's utility operations best practices and benchmarking program. AMP encourages its members to apply for a designation, which recognizes public power utilities that are proficient in reliability, safety, work force development and system improvement. Fourteen AMP members were RP3 recipients for 2014-16: two at the Diamond Level; seven, Platinum Level; and five, Gold Level.

APPA's 2015 RP3 application will be available beginning April 1.

APPA will also offer an on-site training event the RP3 Summit - May 6-7 in Colorado Springs, Colorado. Attendees will hear from utility experts about their application process and experience, benefits of participating in a best practices program, and how they used the designation to promote their utility. This course is designed for utility managers and operations employees who want a comprehensive overview of the RP3 application process and want to up their game in utility operations improvement, planning and benchmarking.

For more information or to register for a webinar or RP3 Summit, please visit www. publicpower.org.

# www.amppartners.org

#### March trends in sustainability updates on NYPSC proceeding

By Randy Corbin – assistant vice president for energy policy & sustainability

As noted in last month's discussion on this same topic, the New York Public Service Commission (NYPSC) initiated a proceeding in April 2014 that seeks to change the traditional regulatory paradigm for the regulated distribution utility into one centered on a distribution services platform provider (i.e., DSPP or DSP) and introduce market competition to augment the acquisition of distributed energy resources (or DERs which are defined as "...a wide variety of distributed energy resources, including end-use energy efficiency, demand response, distributed storage, and distributed generation"). The efforts of the NYPSC stem from the Reforming the Energy Vision (REV) initiative previously announced by New York Gov. Andrew Cuomo, and are garnering considerable attention from policymakers and utilities as a potential future nationwide trend.

On Feb. 26, 2015, the NYPSC issued a 133-page order adopting a regulatory policy framework and implementation plan for Track One of the REV effort. Track One is focused on developing the distributed resource market in New York while Track Two is focused on reforming utility ratemaking practices.

The functional key to the REV framework is the distributed system platform provider (or DSP) that will provide safe, reliable and efficient electric services by integrating diverse resources to meet customers' and society's evolving needs. The DSP fosters broad market activity that monetizes system and social values, by enabling active customer and third-party engagement that is aligned with the wholesale market and bulk power system.

The DSP will be regulated by the commission both in its role as a market maker and system coordinator, as well as in its traditional role as a distribution utility. The commission will focus on the DSP's ability to enable markets; ensure fair market practices; provide fair and transparent information, data and services to all customers and providers; the DSP's ability to impose standards for business practices and other protections; and the DSP's ability to ensure the continued reliability of the system.

The specific functions of the DSP fall into the three general categories: 1) integrated system planning; 2) grid operations; and 3) market operations.

DSPs will need to establish a standardized market across the state. Prices and other geographically unique products can vary, both among utilities and within individual utility territories, but the conditions for market participation and even fundamental product terms must be uniform. This requirement extends into the technical protocols and market rules to which aggregators and service providers must conform. Standardization reduces the cost of entry to providers and multi-site customers.

More information on the NYPSC initiative and the Market Design and Platform Technology stakeholder effort will be provided in a follow-up article in next week's edition of Update.

#### AMP prepares for Technical Services Conference

By Michelle Palmer, PE

There is still time to register for AMP's 2015 Technical Services Conference - April 8-9 at AMP headquarters. The event will feature informational presentations and a Vendor Expo. Topics that will be covered over the day and a half of sessions include fall protection, mutual aid, substation maintenance, and battery maintenance. There will updates on the smart grid and solar projects, as well as an interactive safety session.

Twenty vendors (utility maintenance and repair, environmental and energy efficiency services, material and equipment distributors and manufacturers, software, industry consultants, and more) are registered for the Vendor Expo, which highlights the latest in industry products and services.

Designed for electric utility managers, administrators, engineers, lineworkers and technical staff, AMP's annual conference is intended to promote and contribute to the objective of operational safety and reliable system services.

Registration forms for the conference and Vendor Expo were distributed last month and are also available on the Member Extranet section of the AMP website. Please contact Jennifer Flockerzie, technical services program coordinator with questions or for more information at 614.540.0853 or iflockerzie@amppartners.org.

# APPA Academy Webinar Series



An internet connection and a computer are all you need to educate your entire staff for just \$89. Register today at PublicPower.org/APPAAcademy. Non-APPA members enter coupon code AMP to receive the member rate.

- Distributed Generation Webinar Series: Understanding the Potential Value of Community Solar April 2
- Accounting & Finance Webinar Series: Determining Revenue Requirements for Your Utility April 8
- Public Utility Governance Webinar Series: Federal Legislative and Regulatory Issues for Boards April 9
- Electric Utility 101 Webinar Series: Transmission April 16
- Distributed Generation Webinar Series: Solar Rooftop Impact on Retail Rate Recovery April 21





#### **Efficiency Smart's tips for** saving energy this spring

By Steven Nyeste - communications & public affairs specialist, Efficiency Smart

When flowers start to bloom, so can your energy savings. Cele-



brate the warmer weather and save energy and money this spring with these tips from Efficiency Smart.

Sunny savings. Take advantage of extended daylight hours by opening blinds and letting the sunshine light your home.

Reduce the extra heat. When you replace your frequently used incandescent bulbs with ENERGY STAR® certified lights, you will not only save on your lighting costs, but you will also reduce extra heat in your home. Only 10 to 15 percent of the electricity consumed by incandescent bulbs results in light; the rest produces heat and will make your air conditioner work harder.

Spring clean around your home. Cut your energy costs by getting better performance from your appliances. Clean dust from under your fridge and any exposed coils at the back; clear lint from the exhaust hose and filter of your clothes dryer; dust the bathroom ceiling fan covers and fan blades; take a look outside for any accessible exterior vents and clear them of any dust, webs, leaves or lint; and, if needed, change your furnace filter so you'll be ready for summer air conditioning.

Cash in while decluttering your home. By recycling an older fridge, you can save up to \$150 in annual energy costs. Residential electric customers of communities that participate in Efficiency Smart can also receive \$50 for recycling a working refrigerator or freezer (visit efficiencysmart.org for more details).

Feel the breeze. Save on your air conditioning costs and keep the same level of comfort in your home by using your ceiling fan and raising the thermostat setting by four degrees. Just make sure to turn off the ceiling fan when you leave home, as fans cool people, not rooms.

**Enjoy the fresh air.** Now that the outside temperatures are warming up, take advantage of free fresh air by opening windows instead of using air conditioning.

April showers keeping you indoors? Watch movies more efficiently using a computer or DVD player. Game consoles use up to 24 times the power of DVD players and up to seven times more than Blu-Ray players. Streaming online video through a game console can also use up to 10 times more energy than other devices, according to EN-ERGY STAR.

Don't waste energy inside when you're enjoying the great outdoors. The average U.S. household spends \$100 per year to power electronic devices that are turned off. Use an advanced power strip that completely disconnects the power supply from the source to avoid phantom power when you are away from home.

For more tips on saving energy, visit www.efficiencysmart.org or follow Efficiency Smart on social media.

### **Classifieds**

## Wadsworth seeks IT professional

The City of Wadsworth is accepting resumes for the fulltime position of Systems Administrator - Security Specialist in the Information Technology Department. The emphasis of the position will be the security of our information technology systems and infrastructure.

Interested applicants can visit www.wadsworthcity.com and click on "Employment Opportunities" for additional details on the job and the procedure to apply for the position. The deadline to apply for the position is April 7, 2015. Resumes should be sent to Human Resources, 120 Maple St., Wadsworth, OH 44281 or emailed to jkovacs@ wadsworthcity.org.

#### Assistant village administrator position open in New Bremen

The Village of New Bremen, Ohio (pop. 2,978), a statutory plan village 55 miles North of Dayton, Ohio, is seeking an Assistant Village Administrator. Salary range: \$62,254 - \$76,876/year, plus benefits. New Bremen is a full-service community which operates its own electric, water and wastewater utilities. Position will assist administrator involving the planning, organization, direction and supervision and coordination of the operations and activities of all village departments.

Duties include, but are not limited to, assisting in budgets for all departments, taking over the project tracking database, manage the property maintenance, improving as necessary. Develop annual grant submissions to the Ohio Public Works Commission. The position will evolve into the administrator position by August 2016. Prefer college graduate with bachelor's degree in business administration, engineering or applied science, preferably supplemented by a master's degree and extensive professional experience in public electric utility management, including supervisory experience. A background/credit check, drug screen and medical examination will be administered.

Qualified applicants must submit detailed resume in Word or PDF by 5 p.m. April 10, 2015 to Mayor Jeff Pape via email newbremen@nktelco.net. For more details, visit www.newbremen.com.

#### **AMP** seeks assistant deputy general counsel candidates

American Municipal Power, Inc. (AMP) is seeking applicants for assistant deputy general counsel. For a complete job description, please visit the "careers" section of the AMP website or email to Teri Tucker at ttucker@amppartners.org.

This position assists with drafting and negotiating legal agreements, and also reviews regulatory filings, orders, notices and other regulatory issuances. Candidates must be admitted to the practice of law in the State of Ohio or is eligible for such admission and will do so within one year of employment (admission in Delaware, Indiana, Kentucky, Maryland, Michigan, Pennsylvania, Virginia or West Virginia is helpful but not required). One to three years of relevant experience is requested, but a recent or upcoming graduate with appropriate background and/or experience will be considered. Experience and knowledge in one or more of the following areas of the law: commercial or financial contracts and transactions, energy/utilities, municipal, environmental, regulatory.

## Cuyahoga Falls to hold exams for open positions

The City of Cuyahoga Falls Civil Service Commission will hold open-competitive written examinations for the following positions:

Apprentice Lineman: April 1, 2015, at 6 p.m.

**Apprentice Substation/Meterman:** April 8, 2015, at 6 p.m.

Pay scale for both positions is \$15.4165/hour – \$18.8543/hour. Non-smoking environment, valid driver's license is required for both positions.

Visit <a href="https://www.cityofcf.com">www.cityofcf.com</a> for details and a Civil Service Application. Applications must be submitted or postmarked by March 23, 2015, for Apprentice Lineman; and March 30, 2015, for Apprentice Substation/Meterman. \$25 Non-refundable application processing fee (cash or money order) is due with application. No personal checks. EEO/ADA

## Assistant director of electric needed in City of Hamilton

The City of Hamilton, Ohio (pop. 63,000), seeks an Assistant Director of Electric. Salary range: \$87,672 to \$112,341/year, plus benefits. Hamilton is a full-service community which operates its own electric, gas, water and wastewater utilities.

This is responsible professional and administrative work involving the planning, organization, direction and supervision and coordination of the operations and activities of the city's Electric Department. Duties of this class include, but are not limited to, the following: acts in the place of the Director of Electric when so requested and authorized; assists with the development of departmental short term and long-range plans; oversees the availability and reliability of electric service for city electric customers; analyzes Electric System design and operation, and determines necessary capital and operational improvements to maximize efficiency, reliability and competitive rates; performs related work as required.

Prefer college bachelor's degree in business administration, engineering or applied science, preferably supplemented by a master's degree and extensive professional experience in public electric utility management, including supervisory experience. Professional Engineer (PE) registration from Ohio or other equivalent certification from another state is desired but not required.

A background/credit check, drug screen and medical examination will be administered.

Qualified applicants must submit detailed resume in Word or PDF by 5 p.m. April 7, 2015 to: Civil Service Dept., One Renaissance Ctr., 345 High St. (1ST Fl.) Hamilton, OH 45011. Apply once via email: <a href="mailto:cspersonnel@ci.hamilton.oh.us">cspersonnel@ci.hamilton.oh.us</a> or fax: 513.785.7037 or via regular US mail. Specify interest in ASST. DIR. OF ELEC. For more details visit: www.hamilton-city.org/.

The City of Hamilton is an EEO & AAE. Minorities and women are encouraged to apply.

#### Calendar

April 8-9—AMP Technical Services Conference *AMP Headquarters, Columbus* 

April 9—AMP Finance & Accounting Subcommittee meeting *Piqua, Ohio* 

May 7—AMP Finance & Accounting Subcommittee meeting *Oberlin, Ohio* 

May 15-16—APPA E&O Conference/Rodeo Sacramento, California

May 19—OMEA Legislative Day and Mayors' Reception
Vern Riffe Center, Columbus

June 1-5—AMP Lineworker Basic 1 class AMP Headquarters, Columbus

June 4—AMP Finance & Accounting Subcommittee meeting *Salem, Virginia* 

June 15-19—AMP Lineworker Intermediate class *AMP Headquarters, Columbus* 

July 7-9—AMP Hotline Training class AMP Headquarters, Columbus

July 23—AMP Finance & Accounting Subcommittee meeting AMP Headquarters, Columbus

Aug. 29—AMP Lineworkers Rodeo AMP Headquarters, Columbus

Aug. 31-Sept. 4—AMP Lineworker Basic 2 class AMP Headquarters, Columbus

Sept. 28-Oct. 1—AMP/OMEA Conference Hilton Columbus at Easton

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#### River levels overtop powerhouse roofs

By Pete Crusse – vice president of hydroelectric construction

Heavy rain and melting snow this month have had a profound impact on the Ohio River, which rose enough to overtop both the Cannelton and Meldahl powerhouses.

At Cannelton, the powerhouse roof was over-



View of the overtopped powerhouse roof (tailrace side) at Cannelton on March 18.

topped at about 4 p.m. March 8. The river crest was reported as 395.95 – 5.92 feet above the powerhouse roof. As of the morning March 18, the river was still approximately 5.5 feet above the powerhouse roof. The Unit 1 and 3 transformers were de-energized due to leaks, but crews were able to get back to regular work on March 23.

Slow receding river levels caused the Meldahl project to experience overtopping March 15-20. Crews also returned to normal construction activities on March 23 at the Meldahl site.

The flood waters have inundated access to the Smithland project since March 15, but crews have returned to a regular work schedule as of this morning, March 27.

Kudos to all the staff and crews on how they dealt with the issues that arose with the high river levels.

#### Energy prices finish the week down

By Craig Kleinhenz – manager of power supply planning

Natural gas storage levels were higher than expected this week, pushing natural gas and energy prices lower. This was caused by warmer weather that decreased the consumption of natural gas. Overall, the stock of natural gas in storage is 64 percent above last year and 11 percent below the five-year average.

April natural gas prices finished trading yesterday at \$2.67/MMBtu, which is down \$0.14/MMBtu from last week. When April rolls off the board tonight it will most likely close at the lowest levels seen since September of 2012. 2016 on-peak power prices at AD Hub closed down \$0.33/MWh from last week, finishing yesterday at \$41.62/MWh.

### Save the date for 2015 OMEA Legislative Day & Mayors' Reception

By Michael Beirne – assistant vice president of government affairs & publications

The 2015 OMEA Legislative Day & Mayors' Reception will take place May 19 at the Vern Riffe Center in Columbus. The Legislative Day issues briefing will be held from 2 to 5 p.m., and the reception for lawmakers will follow from 5 to 7 p.m.

With lawmakers currently debating the state budget, and energy policy discussions under way as part of the Energy Mandates Study Committee, this annual event provides an opportunity for council members and mayors to see the impacts firsthand of our strong grassroots efforts. The OMEA Board of Directors and staff strongly encourage you and your fellow municipal electric system community officials to attend.

Registration materials will be distributed within the month. Please contact Jodi Allalen with questions or for more information at 614.540.0916 or jallalen@amppartners.org.

#### AFEC weekly update

By Craig Kleinhenz

AFEC had a week of continuous operations, staying online for the entire week. The plant operated at base maximum levels for almost all of the onpeak hours over the course of the week. The exception was last Friday and Saturday, when the plant ramped down over the afternoon hours. Overnight the plant was at minimum load for only a couple of hours most days, and stayed at base maximum levels through the night on Tuesday.

Duct burners were used only nine hours this week, during Monday and Tuesday morning as well as Monday evening. The plant ended the week with a 75 percent load factor (based on 675 MW).

# Part 2: March sustainability trends update on NYPSC proceeding

By Randy Corbin – assistant vice president for energy policy & sustainability

In last week's edition, we provided the first part of an update on the New York Public Service Commission's (NYPSC) proceeding that seeks to change the traditional regulatory paradigm for the regulated distribution utility into one centered on a distribution services platform provider (DSPP or DSP). The following is a continuation – part 2 – of the topic.

The market design and platform technology (MDPT) stakeholder effort has commenced to identify the necessary functional and business architecture required by the DSP and the DSP markets. The work will proceed simultaneously through the efforts of two working groups – a market group (to focus on market rules and technical standards) and a technology group (to focus on the development of communication signaling and protocols, interoperability and conjunction with NYISO standards).

Two additional working groups will subsequently be formed based on the initial efforts of the MDPT. The market and tariff development group will continue market design efforts with a specific focus toward the development of DSP offerings. The contract group will focus on the formation of standardized contract for DSP markets and interconnections.

Based on the record, the commission concluded that "... requiring the utilities to serve as DSPs under our regulatory authority and supervision is in the best interest of New York consumers."

The commission determined that utility ownership of distributed energy resources (DER) will only be allowed under the following circumstances: 1) procurement of DER has been solicited to meet a system need and a utility has demonstrated that competitive alternatives proposed by DER providers are clearly inadequate or more costly than a traditional utility infrastructure alternative; 2) a project consists of energy storage integrated into the utility's distribution system architecture; 3) a project will enable low-or moderate-income residential customers to benefit from DER where markets are not likely to satisfy the need; or, 4) a project is being sponsored for demonstration purposes.

The commission also addressed the question of whether utility affiliates could own DER as well and did allow affiliate DER ownership (while expressing concerns as to the potential for discriminatory treatment), but required protections to ensure that affiliate market power abuse is addressed. These protections included codes of conduct and the hiring of an independent monitor for competitive procurements. The commission also noted it would consider caps on market share if the conditions warrant in the future.

The commission adopted a phased approach to the Reforming the Energy Vision (REV) implementation with an aggressive 2015 schedule for REV implementation activities.

#### On Peak (16 hour) prices into AEP/Dayton Hub

Week end	ing March 27	7			
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AEP/Dayton 2016 5x16 price as of March 27 — \$41.62 AEP/Dayton 2016 5x16 price as of March 20 — \$41.95					

#### **Downing joins AMP staff**

By Marcy Steckman – vice president of finance & accounting

Michelle Downing joined AMP this week as the manager of financial reporting. She will be responsible for ensuring consistent, timely and transparent financial statement reporting and analysis, ad hoc financial statement analysis, and coordination of external audits.



Michelle Downing

Downing comes to AMP after 12 years with Nationwide Insurance in a variety of financial management roles, most recently as financial business director. Prior to Nationwide, she was the accounting manager with United Way of Central Ohio.

A native of AMP member Bryan, she holds a bachelor's degree in accounting from Franklin University and an associate degree in accounting from Northwest State Community College.

Please join me in welcoming Michelle to AMP.

#### **Technical Services Conference**

AMP's 2015 Technical Services Conference will be held April 8-9 at AMP headquarters. Registration forms for the conference and Vendor Expo are available <u>here</u>. Please contact Jennifer Flockerzie with questions or for more information at <u>iflockerzie@amppartners.org</u> or 614.540.0853.

### Calendar

April 8-9—AMP Technical Services Conference *AMP Headquarters, Columbus* 

April 9—AMP Finance & Accounting Subcommittee meeting *Piqua, Ohio* 

May 7—AMP Finance & Accounting Subcommittee meeting *Oberlin, Ohio* 

May 15-16—APPA E&O Conference/Rodeo Sacramento, California

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## **Classifieds**

#### Water treatment plant operator needed in Bowling Green

The City of Bowling Green Water Supply Division is seeking a Water Treatment Plant Operator. (Current: \$19.89 - \$25.40/hour. Effective April 30, 2015: \$20.49 -\$26.16/hour)

This hourly position is responsible for the safe, efficient, and compliant operation and maintenance of the city's Water Treatment Plant. Performs laboratory analyses to determine water quality; oversees plant operations; collects and tests water samples; inspects the water plant and its equipment, and makes necessary adjustments; ensures proper levels of clear-well and water towers; records chemical feed amounts, meter readings, plant flow; maintains records; cleans and paints the plant; trains new employees; performs preventive maintenance of equipment and facility - both electrical and mechanical - (Day shift only); handles hazardous and toxic chemicals - (Day shift only); operates lime application equipment - (Day shift only); conducts tours of the water plant - (Day shift only); and performs other related duties as assigned.

High school diploma or equivalent; Ohio Class III Water Treatment Certification required; Chemical Analysis Certification required, but can obtain after employment; three to five years of relevant experience required.

A copy of the job description will be provided to applicants. Interested persons must complete an application that is available in the Personnel Department, 304 N. Church St., Bowling Green, OH 43402. The city's employment application is located online here.

Resumes may be included, but will not substitute for a completed application. Telephone: 419.354.6200 email: BGPersonnel@bgohio.org. Office hours 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. weekdays. Deadline for making application is 4:30 p.m. April 6, 2015. AA/EEO

### City of Columbus to hold open exams for four positions

The City of Columbus Department of Public Utilities is seeking qualified candidates for the positions of Cable Worker II, Substation Maintenance Supervisor, Line Worker I and Power Line Worker II.

To apply, candidates must first take an open competitive examination. Applications must be submitted to the Civil Service Commission by applying online at www.csc. columbus.gov by April 8, 2015. Paper applications may be picked up at the Civil Service Commission. Contact the Civil Service Commission at 614.645.8300 with questions. EOE

Cable Worker II: Under supervision, this position is responsible for installing, repairing and replacing components of the underground electricity distribution system; will also perform related duties as required. To qualify, candidates must have two years of experience working as a Cable Worker I for the City of Columbus or comparable experience. Substitution: Successful completion of a formal training program in power distribution may be substituted for six months of the required experience. Must possess a valid Class A. CDL with air brakes endorsement. Salary: \$47,756 - \$76,211.

Substation Maintenance Supervisor: Under direction, this position is responsible for supervising and participating in the testing, installation, and maintenance of transformers, switches, regulators, and related electrical distribution equipment; will also perform related duties as required. To qualify, candidates must have three years of experience testing and repairing transformers and installing switches, regulators, and related electricity distribution equipment. Must possess a valid Class A. CDL with air brakes endorsement. Salary: \$46,488 - \$82,118.

Power Line Worker I: This position is responsible for assisting in the installation, repair and replacement of components in the overhead power line distribution system. To qualify, candidates must have one year of experience as a Power Line/Cable Worker Trainee or Lamp Servicer with the city of Columbus or comparable experience. Substitution: Successful completion of a formal training program in power distribution may substitute for six months of the required experience. Salary: \$44,054.40 - \$69,347.20.

Power Line Worker II: This position will be responsible for installing, repairing, and replacing components of the overhead power line distribution system. To qualify you must have two years of experience as a Power Line Worker I with the City of Columbus or comparable experience. Substitution: successful completion of a formal training program in power distribution may substitute for six months of the required experience. Salary: \$47,756.80 - \$76,211.20.

#### Assistant village administrator position open in New Bremen

The Village of New Bremen, Ohio (pop. 2,978), a statutory plan village 55 miles North of Dayton, Ohio, is seeking an Assistant Village Administrator. Salary range: \$62,254 - \$76,876/year, plus benefits. New Bremen is a full-service community which operates its own electric, water and wastewater utilities. Position will assist administrator involving the planning, organization, direction and supervision and coordination of the operations and activities of all village departments.

Duties include, but are not limited to, assisting in budgets for all departments, taking over the project tracking database, manage the property maintenance, improving as necessary. Develop annual grant submissions to the Ohio Public Works Commission. The position will evolve into

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the administrator position by August 2016. Prefer college graduate with bachelor's degree in business administration, engineering or applied science, preferably supplemented by a master's degree and extensive professional experience in public electric utility management, including supervisory experience. A background/credit check, drug screen and medical examination will be administered.

Qualified applicants must submit detailed resume in Word or PDF by 5 p.m. April 10, 2015 to Mayor Jeff Pape via email <a href="mailto:newbremen@nktelco.net">newbremen@nktelco.net</a>. For more details, visit www.newbremen.com.

#### Wadsworth seeks IT professional

The City of Wadsworth is accepting resumes for the fulltime position of Systems Administrator - Security Specialist in the Information Technology Department. The emphasis of the position will be the security of our information technology systems and infrastructure.

Interested applicants can visit <a href="www.wadsworthcity.com">www.wadsworthcity.com</a> and click on "Employment Opportunities" for additional details on the job and the procedure to apply for the position. The deadline to apply for the position is April 7, 2015. Resumes should be sent to Human Resources, 120 Maple St., Wadsworth, OH 44281 or emailed to <a href="jkovacs@wadsworthcity.org">jkovacs@wadsworthcity.org</a>.

## AMP seeks assistant deputy general counsel candidates

American Municipal Power, Inc. (AMP) is seeking applicants for assistant deputy general counsel. For a complete job description, please visit the "careers" section of the <u>AMP website</u> or email to Teri Tucker at <u>ttucker@amppartners.org</u>.

This position assists with drafting and negotiating legal agreements, and also reviews regulatory filings, orders, notices and other regulatory issuances. Candidates must be admitted to the practice of law in the State of Ohio or is eligible for such admission and will do so within one year of employment (admission in Delaware, Indiana, Kentucky, Maryland, Michigan, Pennsylvania, Virginia or West Virginia is helpful but not required). One to three years of relevant experience is requested, but a recent or upcoming graduate with appropriate background and/or experience will be considered. Experience and knowledge in one or more of the following areas of the law: commercial or financial contracts and transactions, energy/utilities, municipal, environmental, regulatory.

## City of Cuyahoga Falls to hold exam for open position

The City of Cuyahoga Falls Civil Service Commission will hold an open-competitive written examination for Apprentice Substation/Meterman: April 8, 2015, at 6 p.m.

Pay scale is \$15.4165/hour – \$18.8543/hour. Non-smoking environment, valid driver's license is required.

Visit <u>www.cityofcf.com</u> for details and a Civil Service Application. Applications must be submitted or postmarked by March 30, 2015. \$25 Non-refundable application processing fee (cash or money order) is due with application. No personal checks. EEO/ADA

## Assistant director of electric needed in City of Hamilton

The City of Hamilton, Ohio (pop. 63,000), seeks an Assistant Director of Electric. Salary range: \$87,672 to \$112,341/year, plus benefits. Hamilton is a full-service community which operates its own electric, gas, water and wastewater utilities.

This is responsible professional and administrative work involving the planning, organization, direction and supervision and coordination of the operations and activities of the city's Electric Department.

Prefer college bachelor's degree in business administration, engineering or applied science, preferably supplemented by a master's degree and extensive professional experience in public electric utility management, including supervisory experience. Professional Engineer (PE) registration from Ohio or other equivalent certification from another state is desired but not required.

A background/credit check, drug screen and medical examination will be administered.

Qualified applicants must submit detailed resume in Word or PDF by 5 p.m. April 7, 2015 to: Civil Service Dept., One Renaissance Ctr., 345 High St. (1ST Fl.) Hamilton, OH 45011. Apply once via email: <a href="mailto:cspersonnel@ci.hamilton.oh.us">cspersonnel@ci.hamilton.oh.us</a> or fax: 513.785.7037 or via regular US mail. Specify interest in ASST. DIR. OF ELEC. For more details visit: <a href="mailton-city.org/">www.hamilton-city.org/</a>.

The City of Hamilton is an EEO & AAE. Minorities and women are encouraged to apply.

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