
Memorandum

To: Mayor & Members of Council
From: Monica Irelan, City Manager
Subject: General Information
Date: April 27, 2015

CALENDAR

MONDAY, APRIL 27, 2015

1. Special City Council Meeting @6:30 pm

MEETINGS CANCELED THIS WEEK

- a) *Finance & Budget* Committee Meeting
- b) *Safety & Human Resources* Committee Meeting
- c) *Civil Service Commission*

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 29, 2015

1. AGENDA – *Parks & Recreation Board* @6:30 pm

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

1. Enclosed is a copy of the letter that went out today to Appian Avenue residents regarding that project .
2. AMP Weekly Update/April 17, 2015

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 Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
26	27 6:30 PM Special City Council Meeting	28	29 6:30 PM Parks & Rec Board Meeting	30	1	2
3	4 6:15 PM TECHNOLOGY Committee Meeting 7:00 PM City COUNCIL Meeting	5	6	7	8	9
10	11 6:30 PM ELECTRIC Committee Board of Public Affairs (BOPA) Mtg. 7:00 PM WATER & SEWER Committee Mtg. 7:30 PM Municipal Properties/ED Committee Meeting	12 4:30 PM Board of Zoning Appeals Meeting 5:00 PM Planning Commission	13	14	15	16
17	18 6:00 PM City TREE Commission Meeting 6:15 PM PARKS & REC Committee Meeting 7:00 PM City COUNCIL Meeting	19	20	21	22	23
24	25 HOLIDAY - MEMORIAL DAY	26 6:30 PM FINANCE & BUDGET Committee Meeting 7:30 PM SAFETY & HUMAN RESOURCES Committee Meeting	27 6:30 PM Parks & Rec Board Meeting	28	29	30
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City of Napoleon, Ohio

City Council

LOCATION: City Offices, 255 W. Riverview Avenue, Napoleon, Ohio 43545

Special Meeting Agenda

Monday, April 27, 2015 at 6:30pm

- I. Personnel Issue dealing with Employment of the Law Department
- II. Executive Session: Compensation of Personnel
- III. Adjournment

Gregory J. Heath, Finance Director/Clerk

Memorandum

To: Finance & Budget Committee, Council, Mayor, City Manager, City Law Director,
City Finance Director, Department Supervisors, Media

From: Gregory J. Heath, Clerk of Council/Finance Director

Date: 4/22/2015

Re: Finance & Budget Committee Meeting Cancellation

The Finance & Budget Committee meeting, regularly scheduled for Monday, April 27, 2015 at 6:30pm has been CANCELED due to lack of agenda items.

Memorandum

To: Safety and Human Resources Committee, Township Trustees, Council, Mayor,
City Manager, City Law Director, City Finance Director, Department Supervisors

From: Gregory J. Heath, Finance Director/Clerk of Council

Date: 4/22/2015

Re: Safety and Human Resources Committee Meeting Cancellation

The Safety and Human Resources Committee meeting scheduled for Monday,

April 27, 2015, at 7:30pm has been CANCELED due to lack of agenda items.

Memorandum

To: Civil Service Commission, Council, Mayor, City Manager, City Law Director, City Finance Director, Department Supervisors, Media

From: Gregory J. Heath, Finance Director/Clerk of Council

Date: 4/24/2015

Re: Civil Service Commission Meeting Cancellation

The regular Civil Service Commission meeting, scheduled for Tuesday, April 28, 2015 at 4:30pm, has been CANCELED due to lack of agenda items.

City of Napoleon, Ohio

Parks & Recreation Board

LOCATION: City Hall Offices, 255 West Riverview Avenue, Napoleon, Ohio

Meeting Agenda

Wednesday, April 29, 2015 at 6:30pm

- I. Call to Order
- II. Approval of Minutes
- III. Discussion and/or Action: Donation from the Napoleon Police Officers Union
- IV. Discussion and/or Action: Proposal from the Napoleon American Legion
- V. Miscellaneous
- VI. Any other matters currently assigned to the Board
- VII. Adjournment

Gregory J. Heath, Finance Director/Clerk of Council

City Facilities Usage Policy (Continued)

To add that the *‘minimum amount of liability insurance coverage shall be \$500,000’* as recommended by the Loss Control Specialist; and

To add that *“the City reserves the right to waive this requirement at its discretion”*.

Cotter stated that this policy indemnifies and holds harmless the City for any potential liability. Cotter stated that the application form did not change and must be signed by groups requesting usage of City athletic facilities and submitted to the City before the usage. Richardson asked which member of the City can make the City decisions regarding waiving the requirement; Cotter stated that the City Manager has the final authorization. Richardson asked if \$500,000 is the current minimum coverage for other entities; Hardy and Cotter believe that \$1 - \$2 million is the usual standard in policies that are specifically sold to athletic leagues depending on the sport. Hardy stated that he believes that general liability is the concern; Cotter believes there are riders that could be attached; Hardy stated that these would increase the cost. Cotter stated that he had a conference call with the insurance company and the Finance Director and the \$500,000 was approved as the minimum amount. Hardy asked if the leagues which have already started must adhere to this new policy; Cotter replied yes, all leagues will be required to adhere to this policy.

Motion To Approve City Facilities Usage Policy As Presented

Motion: Richardson Second: Bialorucki
To approve City Facilities Usage Policy

Passed
Yea- 6
Nay- 0

Roll call vote on above motion:
Yea- Funchion, Saneholtz, Richardson, Schnitkey, Bialorucki, Hardy
Nay-

Miscellaneous Schnitkey

None

Richardson

None

Bialorucki

None

Hardy

None

Funchion

None

Saneholtz

Saneholtz stated that the first golf outing will be the Hall of Fame and will take place on May 16; Saneholtz asked Cotter if the entry fee, listed as \$13 for the greens fees and a cart, on the registration form should be changed since greens fees rates have increased; Cotter stated that he will discuss this with Diane Ressler to decide a fair cost. Saneholtz stated that he would like this information as soon as possible so the registration forms can be distributed.

Saneholtz stated that last year the Legion League had a shotgun start on the final day and would like this again this year; Cotter suggested discussing this with Diane Ressler as well.

Cotter

Cotter stated the golf course is officially open and there have been golfers, with five



City of Napoleon, Ohio

Department of Public Works

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April 24, 2015

RE: Appian Avenue Improvements Project
HEN-Appian Ave PID 89266

Dear Resident:

The City of Napoleon will be reconstructing Appian Avenue this summer. This project will be done with the assistance of a partial grant from the Ohio Department of Transportation. None of the project costs will be assessed to the property owners.

This project was competitively bid. In February, bids were opened and the project was awarded to Vernon Nagel, Inc. Yesterday I received notification from Vernon Nagel that they intend to start the project on Wednesday, April 29th.

The plan of attack for this project is to perform the work in phases. Vernon Nagel will start by removing the asphalt. They will then start installing the new sanitary sewers from E. Maumee Avenue to Meekison Street. This portion of the project is Phase I. Phase I is scheduled to be finished around the end of July. Although "Road Closed" signs will be placed completely around the project site, you will be allowed access to your property for as long as possible. There will be stone to drive on in the areas the asphalt is removed, so please drive slowly. There will be construction workers on the site and the last thing we want is for someone to be struck by a car or flying stones.

Once Phase I is mostly complete, Phase II will begin. Phase II is from Meekison Street to the southerly corporation limit. This portion is scheduled to be completed by mid-September. Once both phases are substantially complete, Vernon Nagel will place the top layer of asphalt on the entire project. The top layer of asphalt will not be done in phases. One continuous surface provides a smoother, more water-tight pavement. This usually improves long term durability of the street. Also, all of the topsoil and seeding will be done at the end of the project. We never have success with getting grass to grow during the middle of summer, and we want to provide you with the best lawns possible.

Please understand that schedules are general. Many factors can alter construction schedules, especially weather. If we get behind, we will do our best to catch up, but please be patient. Some factors are outside our control.

For residents on the southwesterly end of the project, it will be more difficult to reach your properties once the street is completely removed. We will try to limit the amount of time you are faced with this inconvenience. I contacted the Nazarene church and was given permission for residents to park in the parking lot when unable to get to their driveways.

During construction, the City will have representatives on site. They can be identified by their florescent, green shirts which have "City of Napoleon Engineering Department" on the front. Rex Moll will be on site most of the time. If he is unavailable, another member of my staff will be on site. Please do not hesitate to approach my staff with any questions you may have, or call the Engineering Department. If we don't have answers to your questions when you call, we will get the answers and contact you as soon as possible.

I want everyone in the project area to understand that this project will be inconvenient and sometimes frustrating. We will do everything we can to keep the project moving forward and to limit the inconvenience. I am confident that when the project is completed you will be happy with the results. If you have any questions, please contact me at 419-592-4010.

Yours Truly,

Chad E. Lulfs, P.E., P.S.
Director of Public Works
City of Napoleon

Encl.

cc: Monica Irelan, City Manager
Dan Murphy, Ohio Department of Transportation
City of Napoleon Mayor & Council



Update

A weekly newsletter presented by AMP President/CEO Marc Gerken

April 17, 2015

PJM seeks to delay capacity auction to implement capacity performance

By Lisa McAlister – deputy general counsel

Last December, PJM filed its Capacity Performance proposal that would include, among other things, the replacement of existing capacity products with a single new product, the imposition of new Capacity Performance requirements, changes in offer caps and new eligibility requirements for participating in PJM's capacity auctions. PJM asked the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) to act on PJM's Capacity Performance proposal by April 1, 2015.

On March 31, 2015, FERC sent PJM a Deficiency Letter that posed questions about central aspects of the Capacity Performance proposal, including questions about offer-cap mitigation rules and the restructuring of the penalty mechanisms for resource non-performance and under-performance. In response to the Deficiency Letter, on April 7, 2015, PJM filed a Request for Expedited Grant of Tariff Waiver seeking FERC authority for a one-time waiver of the PJM Open Access Transmission Tariff (Tariff). The requested waiver would permit PJM to delay its next Base Residual Auction (BRA) under the Reliability Pricing Model (RPM), currently scheduled for May, for an unidentified period (but not beyond the week of Aug. 10-14, 2015) so that PJM might reflect in the BRA what PJM anticipates will be FERC's favorable treatment of Capacity Performance. PJM also filed its response to the Deficiency Letter on April 10, 2015.

On April 14, 2015, AMP, in combination with Old Dominion Electric Cooperative (ODEC) and Southern Maryland Electric Cooperative (SMECO), filed a protest of PJM's requested waiver and requested FERC to direct PJM to proceed with the BRA as scheduled for May under the currently effective rules. Specifically, AMP argued that FERC should not allow PJM to create destabilizing market uncertainty by holding the BRA hostage until it secures a Capacity Performance ruling to its liking.

The industrial customers, along with numerous residential customers and state representatives also protested PJM's waiver request. Most transmission and generation owners, who support Capacity Performance, supported delaying the BRA in order to implement Capacity Performance in this year's auction.

PJM indicated that if FERC has not ruled on the waiver request by April 24, 2015, it should be deemed withdrawn and PJM will proceed with the BRA under the current rules. April 24, 2015, is also the due date for comments on PJM's answer to FERC's Deficiency Letter.

We will provide additional information on this important matter as it becomes available. In the meantime, if you have any questions regarding this matter, please do not hesitate to contact me at 614.540.6400 or lmcalister@amppartners.org, or Chris Norton at cnorton@amppartners.org or 614.540.6417.

Energy markets close higher

By Ryan Thompson – power supply planning engineer

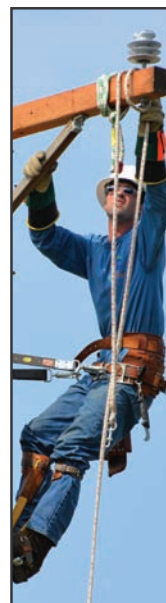
Even with natural gas storage levels coming in higher than expected for the second straight week, power prices climbed during the week.

Overall, the stock of natural gas in storage is now 82 percent above last year and 8.6 percent below the five-year average. May natural gas prices finished trading yesterday at \$2.68/MMBtu, which is up \$0.15/MMBtu from last week. 2016 on-peak power prices at AD Hub closed up \$0.46/MWh from last week, finishing yesterday at \$41.96/MWh.

AFEC weekly update

By Ryan Thompson

AFEC was in its planned spring maintenance outage for the week, which resulted in no generation for the week. CT1 is expected to return online by early next week, with CT2 to return soon after.



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INVITES YOU TO OUR SECOND ANNUAL

Lineworkers RODEO

AMP headquarters in Columbus, Ohio

SATURDAY
August 29
2015



ADDITIONAL INFORMATION
WILL BE AVAILABLE SOON

AMP to hold open planning meeting for Lineworkers Rodeo

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

AMP would like to invite interested members to join us in planning the events for the second annual AMP Lineworkers Rodeo. An open meeting will be held at 9 a.m. April 30 at AMP headquarters.

Topics to be covered include choosing the events, training classes, setting dates for field construction and general rules.

AMP's 2015 Lineworkers Rodeo will be held Aug. 29 at AMP headquarters.

If you have interest in attending the April 30 planning meeting, please RSVP to Jennifer Flockerzie at 614.540.0853 or jflockerzie@amppartners.org.

AMP Mutual Aid reminder

By Bob Rumbaugh – manager of technical training

AMP's Mutual Aid Program is a network of municipal electric systems that quickly and effectively provide needed assistance to member municipal systems when utility emergencies occur that are too widespread to be handled by one system alone. As we enter the severe weather season, here are a few reminders of how AMP's Mutual Aid Program works.

First, please evaluate the system outage and collect outage data information. This includes the cause of outage; type of damage; materials, equipment and crews needed; estimated total number of customers affected; how long customers have been out; and estimated restoration time and length of time needed for mutual aid crews.

Next, please contact your sector coordinator. Sector coordinators are:

- **Red Sector** – Adam Brandt: 419.553.9778
- **Green Sector** – Kenny McKenzie: 614.313.9247
- **Gold Sector** – Bill Lyren Jr.: 330.352.1030
- **Black Sector** – Donnie Watts: 513.646.0441
- **Blue Sector** – Gregg Orians: 419.721.3015
- **Purple/Brown Sector** – Jim Haeseler: 570.527.1301

If you are unable to contact your sector coordinator, please contact me at 614.204.8500 or AMP's Energy Control Center 24-hour emergency lines at 614.540.1020 or 614.540.1030.

For further information, including a sector breakdown by community, visit the "Mutual Aid" section of [AMP's Member Extranet](#). If you have any questions, please contact Jennifer Flockerzie, manager of technical training, at 614.540.0853 or jflockerzie@amppartners.org.

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

Week ending April 17

MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI
\$32.19	\$34.30	\$35.85	\$33.66	\$31.96

Week ending April 10

MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI
\$33.11	\$32.69	\$35.64	\$33.77	\$29.69

AEP/Dayton 2016 5x16 price as of April 17 — \$41.96

AEP/Dayton 2016 5x16 price as of April 10 — \$41.50

AMP/OMEA file comments in support of tax-exempt financing

By Jolene Thompson – senior vice president & OMEA executive director

AMP and OMEA filed joint comments this week in support of tax-exempt financing with the U.S. Senate Committee on Finance. The committee is undertaking a bipartisan effort on tax reform and is accepting comments and ideas on "how best to overhaul the nation's broken tax code to make it simpler, fairer, and more efficient. The goal of this effort is to provide additional input, data, and information to the Committee's bipartisan tax working groups, which are currently analyzing existing tax law and examining policy trade-offs and available reform options within each group's designated area."

The five working groups formed to review specific topic areas are: Individual Income Tax, Business Income Tax, Savings & Investment, International Tax, and Community Development & Infrastructure. Our comments highlighted the importance of tax exempt financing to providing reliable service and undertaking infrastructure improvements.

Copies of AMP/OMEA's comments are available on the [AMP Member Extranet](#). If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact me at jthompson@amppartners.org or 614.540.1111.

Calendar

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 5-10—APPA National Conference
Minneapolis, Minnesota

Classifieds

Lineworker needed in Bradner

The Village of Bradner is accepting applications for a qualified fulltime electrical lineworker position. Candidates must possess a high school diploma, five years of general electrical utilities experience, distribution lines, and substations, as well as the ability to respond to necessary field work on a daily and emergency basis.

Water and waste water experience is preferred, but not necessary. Candidate must be willing to obtain these licenses if not currently held. A valid driver's license is required. A Class A CDL with air brake endorsement is required or must be obtained within six months of hire. This position will report to the Utility Superintendent. Salary commensurate with experience plus an excellent benefit package.

Applications and complete job description can be obtained at the village offices, located at 130 N. Main St., Bradner, OH 43406 or by contacting the fiscal officer at 419.288.2890. The Village of Bradner is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

City of Bowling Green seeks candidates for plant operator

The City of Bowling Green is seeking candidates for a wastewater treatment plant operator. 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 or online [here](#). Resumes may be included, but will not substitute for a completed application.

For more information, contact the Personnel Department at 419.354.6200 or BCPersonnel@bgohio.org. Office hours are 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. weekdays.

Wastewater Treatment Plant Operator – (\$19.51 – \$24.92 per hour effective April 30, 2015; \$20.49 – \$26.16 with Class III OEPA Certification). Hourly position responsible for oversight of the operation of the wastewater treatment plant, ensuring effluent quality and proper/efficient plant operation. Oversees plant operations; checks equipment; performs lab tests; monitors plant via computer and plant walk through rounds; performs maintenance duties; operates trucks and other equipment; removes Biosolids (hauls sludge); collects samples; attends training; prepares/maintains documentation; performs custodial tasks and other related duties as assigned. Works both indoors and outdoors; works alone; irregular work schedules; must be available to work shift work, weekends and holidays.

High school diploma or equivalent; Ohio Environmental Protection Agency (OEPA) Wastewater Treatment Certifications preferred; valid Class A Commercial Driver's License required or must be able to obtain within six months of hire; must obtain a Class I OEPA Wastewater Treatment Certification within three years of hire; three to five years of relevant experience. Deadline for making application is 4:30 p.m. April 20, 2015. AA/EEO

OMEA Legislative Day, Mayors' Reception set for May 19

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., followed by the reception for lawmakers 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, attendance at this year's event is extremely important. In addition, there are a number other issues under consideration before the Ohio General Assembly that are of interest to Ohio municipal electric communities.

Rep. Tim Shaffer (R-Lancaster) and Sen. Bill Seitz (R-Cincinnati) will be the featured speakers during the afternoon legislative briefing. Both are chairs of the House and Senate public utilities committees, respectively.

Your participation and grassroots support helps to provide the foundation for the efforts of the OMEA staff and counsel throughout the year.

The event member invitation mailing was distributed earlier this month. It is also available on the Member Extranet section of the [AMP website](#). If you didn't receive the mailing or have questions, please contact Jodi Allalen at 614.540.0916 jallalen@amppartners.org, or myself at 614.540.0835 or mbeirne@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 questions, please contact Greg Grant at 614.540.1067 or ggrant@amppartners.org.



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.





Update

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April 24, 2015

Standard & Poor's affirms 'A-' rating for OMEGA JV5 bonds

By Bob Trippe – senior vice president & CFO

Standard & Poor's Ratings (Standard & Poor's) has affirmed the 'A-' rating with a stable outlook on the Ohio Municipal Electric Generation Agency (OMEGA) Joint Venture 5 (JV5) Series 2001 beneficial interest certificates (BICS). The bonds were issued to finance the completion of the construction of the Belleville hydroelectric project facilities with aggregate generating capacity of 42 MW located on the Ohio River along with 40 MW of diesel peaking capacity.

The facility is owned by 42 Ohio AMP members and operated on their behalf by AMP.



Standard & Poor's reports pointed out several factors driving the 'A-' rating are:

1. Adequate financial performance at the project level.
2. Rate setting ability without regulatory oversight, coupled with the provisions for pass-through of cost adjustments at both wholesale and retail levels.
3. Favorable power costs associated with the project.
4. The obligation of the projects participants to pay debt service on the BICs, including a 25 percent step-up to cover default of any of the participants.
5. Power supply diversification, where the participants are not heavily relying on the JV5 generation to meet member supply requirements.

The stable outlook reflects Standard & Poor's expectations of consistent operations of the JV5 project, continuing good financial metrics at the project level, no weakening in the participant's financial risk profiles, and continued good project economics that result in competitive wholesale rates.

If you would like a copy of the press release, please contact Chris Deeter at 614.540.0848 or cdeeter@amppartners.org.

MISO Capacity Auction results

By Chris Norton – director of market regulatory affairs

On April 14, MISO posted the results for the annual capacity auction for the June 1, 2015, through May 31, 2016, planning year. For the most part, capacity prices in MISO remained low. The majority of the Northern MISO areas cleared capacity at a price of \$0.106/kW-month (\$3.48/MW-day). The surprise was Zone 4, Illinois, which cleared at \$4.575/kW-mo (\$150/MW-day). The Prairie State plant is located in Zone 4.

The MISO capacity rules divide the RTO into nine capacity regions. The

see MISO Page 2



Students show interest in AMP during career fair

Tom Sillasen (left), director of energy accounting and reporting; Maliha Peuli (center), human resources generalist; and Andrew Blair (right), assistant vice president of financial planning and analysis, represent AMP during the Spring 2015 Career Fair at Columbus State Community College on April 22. A number of students showed interest in internships and careers at AMP.

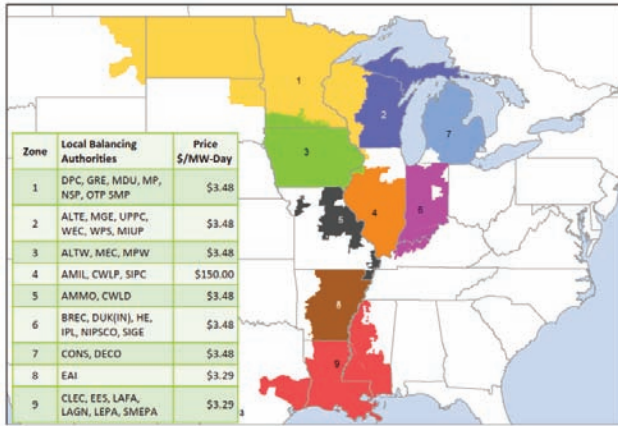
Energy markets close lower

By Craig Kleinhenz – manager of power supply planning

Natural gas storage levels came in higher than expected, causing both natural gas and power prices to fall. Overall, the stock of natural gas in storage continues to increase faster than normal as stocks are now 83 percent above last year and 6 percent below the five-year average (compared to 82 percent above and 9 percent below last week).

May natural gas prices finished trading yesterday at \$2.53/MMBtu, which is down \$0.15/MMBtu from last week and flat over the two-week period. 2016 on-peak power prices at AD Hub closed down \$0.26/MWh from last week, finishing yesterday at \$41.70/MWh.

2015/2016 Auction Clearing Price Overview



Source: MISO Energy, 2015/2016 Planning Resource Auction Results, April 14, 2015

price of Zone 4 was higher than the rest of MISO because MISO was unable to import enough lower cost capacity from outside the zone to satisfy its internal zone minimum capacity requirement.

This is the third year of MISO's capacity auction. For 2014-2015, the majority of Northern MISO cleared at \$0.51/kW-mo. The MISO capacity auction is held two months before the start of the planning year as opposed to the PJM capacity auction, which is held three years prior to the start of the planning year. The PJM base auction for 2015-2016 cleared at \$4.09/kW-mo.

FERC delays PJM capacity auction

By Chris Norton

On April 24, 2015, the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) granted a PJM request to delay the RPM capacity auction for 2018/2019 that was scheduled for May 11-15, 2015. FERC granted the request in order to allow itself more time to consider proposed changes to the capacity rules that PJM filed back in December 2014.

PJM proposed changes, referred to as Capacity Performance, would significantly alter the performance requirements for capacity resources and most likely result in substantial capacity price increases. In its request for the delay, PJM stated it would hold the auction 30 to 75 days after FERC issues an order on PJM's Capacity Performance proposal, but in no case would the auction be delayed past mid-August 2015.

AFEC weekly update

By Craig Kleinhenz

AFEC returned from its planned spring maintenance outage on Tuesday, which was several days earlier than originally planned. The plant spent Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday tuning and balancing the units. Wednesday saw the highest production (69 percent load factor) as the plant was at base minimum during the overnight hours and base maximum during most on-peak hours.

AFEC is now ready for normal operations. The plant did not use any duct burners this week and ended the past seven days with a 19 percent load factor (based on 675 MW).

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

Week ending April 24

MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI
\$34.25	\$33.95	\$34.09	\$36.33	\$33.64

Week ending April 17

MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI
\$32.19	\$34.30	\$35.85	\$33.66	\$31.96

AEP/Dayton 2016 5x16 price as of April 24 — \$41.70

AEP/Dayton 2016 5x16 price as of April 17 — \$41.96

Administration releases first installment of energy review

By David Deal – director of energy policy & sustainability

In January 2014, President Barack Obama issued a presidential memorandum directing the administration to conduct a Quadrennial Energy Review (QER), and to focus first on the nation's energy infrastructure. The QER identifies the threats, risks and opportunities for U.S. energy and climate security, with the goal of enabling the federal government to translate policy into action.

On April 21, the administration released the first installment of the [long-awaited QER](#).

The first report simultaneously highlights the fact that the United States has one of the most advanced energy economies in the world, but it is in need of massive investment and is facing a time of rapid transition into the 21st century. The focus of the first report was on the energy Transmission, Storage and Distribution (TS&D) infrastructure – the infrastructure that links energy supplies, carriers, or by-products to intermediate and end users.

The QER summary policy analysis can be found [here](#) (34 pages), and the administration's fact sheet can be accessed [here](#) (10 pages). Both documents highlight the policy initiatives and provide direction for the Department of Energy; they also include proposed 2016 budget allocations that will be needed to implement many of the report's recommendations.

Specifically, the following chapters and initiatives may be of particular interest to AMP members: increasing the reliability, resilience and modernization of the electric grid (Chapters II, III); the environmental implications associated with grid modernization (Chapter VII); workforce development issues and opportunities (VIII); and streamlined federal project permitting and siting processes (Chapter IX).

Fundamental to any action associated with the QER will be budget allocations; at issue, approximately \$16.85 billion across the major areas of investment. The president will need to either re-allocate significant portions of the '16 FY DOE budget or, to avoid this approach, the administration has requested legislative authorization to develop many of the QER initiatives and programs.

Please contact me at ddeal@amppartners.org or 614.540.0840 if you would like more information concerning any particular issue or chapter noted above.



Updates on current trends in sustainability nationwide

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

New York REV Status: In its Feb. 26, 2015, order establishing the REV framework, the New York Public Service Commission (NYPSC) directed the Market Design Platform Technology (MDPT) group to file a detailed work plan by March 26, 2015. Accordingly, the Rocky Mountain Institute (RMI), the New York State Smart Grid Consortium (NYS-SGC), in collaboration with the New York Department of Public Service (DPS), collectively known as the MDPT “core team,” filed its Scope of Work on March 31.

APPA argues for retention of key existing power industry structure elements: The American Public Power Association (APPA) was one of several energy industry participants that replied to the SEPA 51st State proposal, which was unveiled in 2014. Specifically, as SEPA puts it, the solar group “issued a challenge to re-imagine our energy future in a hypothetical 51st State with no existing regulations or market structures.” Specifically, APPA commented on three specific elements of the “51st State” – designing the market, designing retail rates and key constituents. Additional information can be found [here](#).

United States submits its new carbon reduction goal: At the 19th session of the UNFCCC Conference of Parties (COP 19) in Warsaw, Poland, countries were invited to submit their “intended nationally determined contributions” (INDCs) to the new climate agreement to be concluded at COP 21 in December 2015 in Paris. Parties were encouraged to submit their INDCs, covering the period beyond 2020, “well in advance” of the Paris conference. Accordingly, the United States committed (on March 31) to achieve an economy-wide target of reducing its greenhouse gas emissions by 26-28 percent below its 2005 level in 2025 and to make best efforts to reduce its emissions by 28 percent. Additional information on this proposal can be found [here](#).

CPS Energy program puts solar panels on customers’ roofs: The San Antonio municipal utility is commencing with a pilot program that will allow a third-party installer to place solar panels on the roofs of participating customers at no cost to those same customers. The homeowner would agree to a contract for the life of the panels – about 15 years – and in exchange receive a sort of rent payment in the form of a credit on his or her CPS Energy bill. Additional information can be found [here](#).

Xcel (MN) proposes legislation that would create performance-based rates: Xcel maintains that its legislation would “...adjust the utility’s revenue model to align with the state’s energy policy objectives, protecting the utility’s business interests while giving customers the benefits of a more efficient, cleaner, and more distributed electricity system utilizing advanced energy.” Specifically, the utility would be “...allowed to submit a multi-year rate plan that bases a portion of its earnings on achieving specific objec-

tives, increases the operational efficiency of the utility, and removes the disincentive for the utility to invest in efficiency. The performance-based criteria must enhance either system or customer value, specify the investments the utility will make to achieve the performance metrics, and propose customer tariffs for a range of products and services including renewable products, energy efficiency and financing options.” Additional information can be found [here](#).



AMP shines Member Spotlight on Kutztown

By Krista Selvage – manager of publications

AMP is highlighting the Borough of Kutztown in our online Member Spotlight. Incorporated in 1815, Kutztown is celebrating its bicentennial throughout 2015 with events, exhibits, pageants, contents, parades and more.

Visitors to this southeast Pennsylvania borough can enjoy several nearby ski resorts, and hiking along the Appalachian Trail and Hawk Mountain Sanctuary. Crystal Cave Park is also a popular attraction near Kutztown and is a natural wonder of rock formations.

Recent utility projects by the Kutztown Electric Department include updated LED streetlighting and the installation of decorative downtown Main Street lighting. Kutztown lineworkers have been improving performance, and increasing knowledge and reliability by regularly attending AMP’s Lineworker Training Series courses since 2009.

Learn more about the charming and historic Borough of Kutztown in the full Member Spotlight [here](#).



Calendar

- 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 5-10—APPA National Conference
Minneapolis, Minnesota
- 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

Classifieds

AMP seeks plant operator

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

Cannelton Plant Operator I – This position functions as a control room operator and assists with the responsibilities associated with starting and stopping units, coordinating unit discharge rates, monitoring and maintaining upstream pool in cooperation with the Army Corps of Engineers, records and reports operating information such as hourly readings of distribution metering, unit blade positions, unit temperatures, and dissolved oxygen monitoring equipment.

Candidates must have a two- or four-year degree in mechanical or electrical engineering; or engineering technology degree and two years of experience in plant operations; or three to five years of experience in power plant operations and/or maintenance. Welding certification is a plus.

Positions open in Bradner

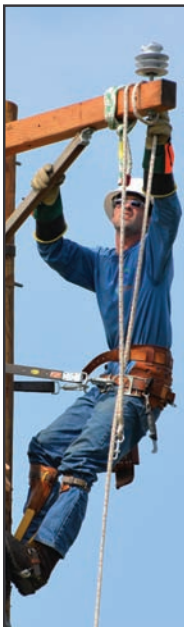
The Village of Bradner is accepting applications for the following positions.

Fiscal Officer – This position is responsible for, but not limited to financial planning, management of all financial issues and financial reporting. This position is responsible for attending all Council and Board of Public Affairs meetings, keeping official records of proceedings and posting all meetings and ordinances. Qualifications include experience in governmental fund accounting, knowledge of municipal financing and thorough understanding of generally accepted accounting principles. Applicants must be able to be bonded. Salary commensurate with qualifications and experience. Please submit a cover letter, resume, salary history and professional references to Mayor Virgil Shull, Jr., PO Box 599, Bradner, Ohio 43406 by 4:30 p.m. May 5, 2015. Please call 419.288.2890 for questions or job description. E.O.E.

Electrical lineworker – Candidates must possess a high school diploma, five years of general electrical utilities experience, distribution lines, and substations, as well as the ability to respond to necessary field work on a daily and emergency basis.

Water and waste water experience is preferred, but not necessary. Candidate must be willing to obtain these licenses if not currently held. A valid driver's license is required. A Class A CDL with air brake endorsement is required or must be obtained within six months of hire. This position will report to the Utility Superintendent. Salary commensurate with experience plus an excellent benefit package.

Applications and complete job description can be obtained at the village offices, located at 130 N. Main St., Bradner, OH 43406 or by contacting the fiscal officer at 419.288.2890. The Village of Bradner is an Equal Opportunity Employer.




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