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MEUA engineering and accounting workshop coming up March 10-11, 2026 in Syracuse. This is at The Double Tree Hotel, and not the Embassy Suites. Agenda is not yet available. Would like to make reservations. Deadline for special rate is February 7.

March 24th and 25th meter class in Fariport I mentioned after the November Workshop. There are a few topics that look very basic, but there are more that are I am interested in, particularly the second half of day 1 and also day 2.

Christmas decorations down

Billing for yearly pole attachments has gone out

Increase for NYMPA/MEUA kicked in for December's billing. This is what I was talking about over the last few meetings, about rates increasing to cover costs with NYMPA/MEUA for energy we buy to cover rising rate costs purchased on our behalf. It is basically a pass through cost for them to it's members, and a pass through cost from us to our customers.

We met with Smart Kable to discuss results so far. We definitely have some issues going on, and will be working to narrow it down. They feel something in the substation may be going on, whether a loose connection, aging transformer, bad ground, or some other aging equipment. We bought a thermal imaging camera to try to look for loose connections. We tested it out at the substation, and found no hot spots, everything looked normal. The hope was, and looks like it will work, is to also be able to use it and find hot spots, or bad connections when trouble shooting problems, and pole inspections. I am currently looking for a ground tester to check the grounds at the substation.

I submitted what I could to BST for information they were looking for. I had a hard time verifying that the meters we have are actually on the list of accepted meters from the PSC, which is something they were looking for. Given the list from the PSC is a bit of a mess, and I feel incomplete, I did the best I could in matching it up. We are finally able to pull records from the handheld from our meter tester. It turned out I needed another cable and software to pull it off of the handheld. That is more information that they were looking for. Now that we have it all set, we can start implementing a plan to test more meters.

I am just trying to get a few things buttoned up before starting on Midtel make ready work. I expect to have a pretty full year with the Midtel makeready work with what we already have and am supposed to go check out more. As it turns out, our thought of running an alternate route along the Mill Street Bridge to back up the existing underground going from Holmes to Depot street, we probably aren't going to do. The State DOT is requiring a rolling roadblock on I-88 as we do the construction. This would likely require an outside company to come in and handle it, as well as possibly getting State Troopers to run it. It also not only would require permission from the State, but also Federal permits as well. The State recommended if we want to do that, then to go under the highway with directional boring. If we would like to consider this, maybe we can consider splitting the costs with Midtel, as they will need a way to cross as well. My thought is it has to be cheaper to

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have the boring company out here once boring two sets of conduit vs having them out here twice to do one set each.