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We have finished moving the line out to the road in Warnerville. Line is energized, customers are transferred over, old conductor removed. The only thing to do is remove old poles after or even IF other companies make the switch to the new poles

We've started catching up on trimming some trees, including in trying to find an issue on Ploss Road that's tripping out one of our lines.

Aliha and I have been working with Rick Palumbo on getting him information, and some of our pole records, transformer records, and meter records, ironing out some of the details with the information conversion from what we have to his program.

I attended the MEUA Annual Conference.

Funding for NYPA Grants have started to be applied for and approved.

Line School, there is currently 70 students enrolled and first year enrollment is up

Mutual Aid has been pretty quiet so far this year. There is a "Storm Drill" scheduled for the second day of the Engineering Workshop coming up November 7

Nancy Mitchell of Hamilton has been voted to the Board

IEEP, LED lighting is being phased out of eligible programs due to it is mostly converted over at this point.

NYSERDA is launching an instant rebate for induction cook tops, and heat pump dryers that our customers will also be eligible for.

Legal: School bus law is causing issues all over the place. Governor appears to be changing her rhetoric and looking more at nuclear power as a source of energy. Both the PSC and NYSERDA agree we will not be reaching goals by 2035, but proposing ways to achieve them. Rate programs are paying for all of the renewable energy upgrades. New load is expected to be 100 mwh or more.

NYPA rate increase has started. It still is some of the lowest rates in North America. Looking to spend 1 Billion dollars on plant improvement. This is only plant maintenance, not any increase in power capacity. New rates are expected to take affect in July 2025. We can expect no reduction in power during the reconstruction. We expect more information to be released by NYPA around the holidays.

NYMPA meeting was also held. Rate cases were discussed. Currently there is a cue for doing a rate case through NYMPA (BST or PLM). To start it, we have to sign a contract with either PLM or BST. Having a capital plan and a borrowing plan go a long ways in helping for a rate increase. I also talked to Lynda on the side, and she told me that the PSC wants quotes for things like major projects, or equipment when deciding their rate case. I have reached out to Altec to spec out a new Material Handler, for the purpose of a quote, and hopefully purchase at some point in 2025 or 2026, but mainly at this point for the number. This may not work for the rate case if we purchase it through the purchase power/Power Authority grant, though. I know using that is still up in the air, and hasn't really been discussed the pros and cons of doing that with the Board. I will also reach out and talk to Northline Utilities, O'Connel Electric, and I'll try and find a third company to get a quote for doing the switch for the Power Authority. Lynda says, that quote can also be used for a rate case, as well as any engineering services we may use that is not covered by the NYPA grant we have discussed.

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Monique Thomas from Candlewood has filed a complaint at the State and County levels about the EMF in her apartment, that I mentioned a few months ago. She had talked to me a day before we received an email about it and again, I told her that based on the facts presented to me, I have to believe that the issue is in her apartment. I am trying to do some research on possible causes for EMF, and the causes seem pretty broad, but it does seem to include bad wiring, either from mice chewing on them, inadequate electrical work, imbalanced loads, bad grounds, most of which is involved in a building itself. It is not limited to these issues, but I am finding these to be the most common in residential circumstances. I am still researching though.