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We have been trying to finish up some jobs, including getting people power that recently signed up and put in new services, cutting trees, taking flags and banners down.

We have also been preparing for getting Christmas decorations up.

I attended the MEUA Engineering and Accounting Workshops.

I am also trying to gather information for Rick Palumbo to put into his program, and finding myself catching up on changes in our record keeping that needed to be done. This is more of a direct result of re numbering our poles and not keeping up in our pole records books/spreadsheets.

For the Engineering side, I attended a seminar on smart meters. This is something I'd like to start, and likely use IEEP money to start it, and implement it over a number of years.

On the Accounting side there are two generic tariffs that NYMPA put out that is voluntary to use their PSC approved formulas for LED lighting (which I recommend we adopt). There is also a tariff and formula that involves net metering, which is the ability to buy back excess power from solar, or any other source. If you recall, there is talk about someone wanting to put a battery collection center down in the field by the Summit Substation, and wants to sell the power back to us. If this is of interest to you, then we would need something like that tariff. I also inquired about that, and it would fall in line with Solar and wind, where we would not be required to buy it back. I did not get an answer that I remember, about how it affects our purchase agreement with NYPA, but I think he said it could be worked around, if we were interested.

There was also topics regarding shutting off in cold weather which is always good to refresh on, and make sure there are no changes to the rules.

I also have gotten back budgetary numbers for a new Material Handler Bucket truck. If approved, I would like to order this around mid 2025 for delivery in 2026. I am also thinking that because we already have a Digger Truck on order for 2025, which I believe we agreed on a BAN payment because that would help a rate case, that we do the Material Handler through the purchased power using the NYPA loan that is available. If we are in agreement, I will contact NYPA to let them know our plans, and make sure that it's available then, and that they earmark it for us.

I am on vacation starting Friday November 22, and will return December 4th. The guys will be reading meters starting the 22nd, and be putting up Christmas decorations after Thanksgiving.

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