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We are starting to test meters that are in stock, gaining more experience with tester before bringing it into the field. This also counts towards our yearly testing, since prior testing on these meters was done over 10 years ago and on a different tester.

Refurbished our wire cart. It turns out that it also needed wheel bearings repacked, as well as some lights repaired. In addition it has been painted, and hydraulic hoses replaced. This should be good for quite a few more years. It has never been done to my knowledge, and I've been here 19 years.

We took back scrap wire, gaining roughly \$1800 in miscellaneous income

Worked on budget. Preliminary (first draft) budget is done

Working on Diamond Maps

Working on preparation work for expansion of high speed internet services, although I understand this project is on hold for now since funding is on hold at the moment.

I forwarded an email about the New York Power Authority (NYPA) raising their rates. These rates are intended to put a billion dollar makeover for the infrastructure at Niagara Falls. I also sent along a copy of a resolution for the New York Municipal Power Association (NYMPA)/Municipal Electric Utilities Association (MEUA) to act on our behalf as part of a larger group of municipalities, in requesting NYPA to take another look at the rates they are proposing, as well as sending a copy of the resolution to our State Assembly and Senate representatives. This will increase our purchased power significantly over the next few years.

Carl and I discussed the EMF issue at Candlewoods being brought to us by a resident there. As a refresher, I went and talked to her about it, and determined that since she is the only one to complain about it, that it is almost likely that the issue is in the building, and there for a building issue, not a power company issue, and until I get more complaints, particularly outside of the building, that is how I am treating it. We discussed bringing in an engineer to take a look at this, and decided that it would be too expensive at this point, until we get more complaints, to do this. She claims the building is doing nothing about it, so we sent Jesse down to investigate, and found nothing, and that the building management couldn't find anything, and offered her a different apartment, which was declined by her. Carl and I decided the best course of action at this point is to write a letter to the manager of Candlewood directly stating our stance on the matter. I wrote them, and got a response, thanking us, and assurance that they will continue to monitor the situation, and work with her, and provide options, also apologizing for any disruptions this may have caused us.

I will be touching base on Tuesday 2/11 with NYPA about the revenue metering upgrade at our substation. This kind of got lost on their radar and they just want to discuss where we are at with it. I am writing up a new scope of work to put out to companies like North Line Utilities to get quotes on bypassing the switch while we test it. Using the National Grid substation is off the table, (we received the bill for the engineering work they did for the study, roughly \$2800).

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I spoke with a representative from the company that wants to put a battery collector in the field by Mirabito's, west of the Summit Substation. I told them that it wasn't really feasible for us to buy back the power, assuming it will be at a higher charge than us selling it to them for. They told me that they approached National Grid about it, but they said it was in our territory, so they couldn't do it. They also are looking to hook to a transmission line, not a distribution line. I suggested that there is a National Grid line that is right there in the same field that we MAY be able to agree to let them hook to it even though it is our area. I told them that it seems ok to me personally, but I would have to look into the legality of it, as well as get input from the Board. They seemed open to that idea, and was going to contact National Grid.

I am looking for permission to attend the MEUA Accounting/Engineering workshop, held March 18th and 19th, in Syracuse. I asked Hope to make a room reservation, so we could get them while we could at the discounted rate, with the idea, that the card is being used just to hold the room and if denied, I will just cancel the room. The reason for this, is because we always seem to lose out on discount rate rooms because we wait, and it either costs us more money, or it is even hard to gat a room at any rate, much less discounted ones. I hope to do this in the future as well, unless there is an issue from the Board in doing so. Again, just to hold a room costs us no money if we have to cancel.