



**PMEA wishes you...**



## Save these Dates!

**PMEA 2025 Annual Conference – September 3 – 5, 2025**  
Omni Bedford Springs, Bedford

**PMEA Business Workshop**  
– September 3, 2025 @ Omni Bedford Springs, Bedford

**2025 Training for Line Crews –**  
*\*Registration will open prior to each course\**

URD/ Splicing  
March 20 & 21 - Grove City  
March 24 & 25 - Chambersburg  
March 26 & 27 - Lansdale

Job Briefings & Analysis  
August 7 & 8 - Grove City  
August 11 & 12 - Chambersburg  
August 13 & 14 - Lansdale

Metering  
May 12 & 13 - Grove City  
May 19 & 20 - Chambersburg  
May 21 & 22 - Lansdale

Team Building  
October 16 & 17 - Grove City  
October 20 & 21 - Chambersburg  
October 22 & 23 - Lansdale

**PMEA Spring Superintendents/ Foremen Meeting**  
**April 10 & 11, 2025 @ The Nittany Lion Inn, State College**  
*\*Registration opens soon – watch your email for details\**

## Strategies for Grid Management Amid EV Demand

By 2040, the load from electric vehicle charging is expected to reach 468,000 GWh — an 1,850% increase over 2023 levels. This increased demand will further strain the nation's aging grid infrastructure, much of which is in need of an upgrade. Watch this on-demand webinar for highlights including:

- How to leverage grid edge intelligence systems to manage strain on the grid and increase grid reliability.
- Why electric vehicle identification is a key component of successful grid management.
- How smart meters can empower customers.

For these insights and more, [watch now](#).

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## Chambersburg Line Crew Wins Best Float

Chambersburg's electric line crew recently participated in the borough's downtown Christmas parade. The line crew built a float highlighting their role in the town and was awarded Best Float in the "Christmas in Downtown" category. This was the first time in the known history of the parade that the line crew had participated in the event. As part of the annual festivities, Santa arrives to light the Christmas tree that the electric department helps to set and decorate every year.



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## PA PUC Technical Conference on Resource Adequacy

The PA Public Utilities Commission (PUC) conducted a technical conference on November 25 to gather information and solutions to the problem of dramatically increasing electricity demand. The PJM grid region has been facing growth demand from data centers and bitcoin mining operations at a time when traditional coal-fired and other thermal baseload generation units are retiring and not being replaced quickly enough to address existing and future electricity demand. These trends are raising concerns about electric grid reliability and cost to energy consumers.

The technical conference included three panels focused on specific topics. These were:

1 - What are the right mix of resources and how do we get them online? Will effective load carrying capacity (ELCC), properly designed, accomplish this?

[Click Here for a video of opening comments and this session.](#)

2 - How do we facilitate completion of the construction of those generation resources?

[Click Here for a video of this session.](#)

3 - What can the PUC do to ensure resource adequacy for electric distribution customers?

[Click Here for a video of this session.](#)

This past September, Senator Gene Yaw (R-Lycoming) announced plans to add more gas-fired electric generation through a taxpayer-funded PA Baseload Energy Development Fund based on a Texas model. The Senator intends to re-introduce the bill this coming session. But developers of electric generation facilities at the PUC Technical Conference said given Pennsylvania's position in the middle of increased electricity demand, taxpayer-funded support to develop facilities probably will not be needed.

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## PUC Conference (continued)

PJM has already approved 38,000 MW of renewable electric generation and energy storage for connection to the electric grid. However, on September 26, Utility Dive reported concerns by PJM that these projects are not being built for a variety of reasons including procuring equipment, local opposition, and financing obstacles.

The PUC is inviting comments from all stakeholders on the adequacy of electricity supplies in Pennsylvania. The deadline is January 9

Sources: PA Public Utility Commission website ([www.puc.pa.gov](http://www.puc.pa.gov)) and the PA Environment Digest.

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## Hatfield Hosts Holiday Open House

The Borough of Hatfield recently hosted their yearly Holiday Open House. Each year, the borough invites elected officials, committee members, staff, volunteers, and organizations that the Borough partners and works with throughout the calendar year to show appreciation for giving of their time and dedicated commitment to Hatfield. In addition to the holiday festivities, the event also recognizes the recipients of the Annual Lawrence G. Stevens Distinguished Service Award and the Years of Service awards to board, commission, and staff members. Hatfield's holiday open house has been an annual event for more than 20 years.



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## Power Course Available

PMEA's Public Power Governance 101 educational video is available to all member municipalities. The course is designed for elected officials, staff, and stakeholders in Pennsylvania's 35 public power communities. This comprehensive module offers invaluable insights into the management and operation of municipal electric systems.

### PUBLIC POWER GOVERNANCE 101



Individuals completing the course may request a certificate of completion from PMEA. Borough councils may want to watch the video together and discuss the topics. PMEA staff is also available to come to your meetings to discuss the content with the council and/or staff. If you are interested in viewing the course, please contact Diane Bosak ([bosak@papublicpower.org](mailto:bosak@papublicpower.org)) at the PMEA office, for a private link to the video on our PMEA YouTube channel.

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## Thank you to all our 2024 Associate Members

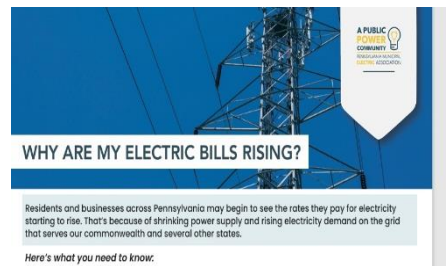
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## PJM Rate Issues Materials Available

PMEA members should have all received the materials relating to the PJM rate issues. We have provided talking points, a one pager for mailing to customers, our legislative advocacy strategy, and a short explainer video. We will be providing sample letters for legislative outreach in the near future and continuing to update our website with information. If you have not received these or have any questions, please contact Diane Bosak at [bosak@papublicpower.org](mailto:bosak@papublicpower.org).



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## 2024 Will Be Better If You Share Your News....

Please share with us your exciting new projects, photos, personnel updates, and any other news you want to spread the word about. We know there is much happening in our member communities! Your submissions should be sent to [bosak@papublicpower.org](mailto:bosak@papublicpower.org) at any time and we will use them in upcoming editions. We also welcome your suggestions for topics of interest for our newsletters.

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