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NOTICE¹

NOTICE OF ADVANCED METERING INFRASTRUCTURE (AMI) WORK SESSION

Docket No. EO20110716

Pursuant to the "Open Public Meetings Act", N.J.S.A. 10:4-6 et seq., Staff of the New Jersey Board of Public Utilities ("NJBPU" or "Board") offers this Notice to provide parties the agenda and details for an AMI Work Session to be held on November 23, 2020. This Public Notice, originally published on November 10, 2020, has been updated to include the names of selected panelists and to note that there will be a court reporter transcribing this Work Session. All changes are highlighted.

AMI, also known generically as "smart meters," holds the potential to be an integral part of New Jersey's clean energy transition, and to benefit customers seeking to better understand and control their own energy usage. NJBPU Staff sees enormous potential for AMI to facilitate carbon reductions, lower costs for customers, and enhance utility response to storms and outages.

The purpose of this Work Session is to hear from interested stakeholders how the Board can ensure that AMI is cost-effectively leveraged to meet its full promise. The Work Session will examine the critical capabilities AMI should enable for all customers, the key considerations for data access and data sharing, promotion of retail competition, and the role of AMI in achieving New Jersey's long-term clean energy and environmental objectives.

Stakeholders that wish to participate as a panelist during the webinar should submit self-nominations to board.secretary@bpu.nj.gov with a subject line of "Nominations for AMI Work Session." Nominees should identify the panel on which they wish to serve. Nominations must be submitted by on or before **November 17, 2020 at 12 p.m. ET**. NJBPU Staff will inform selected nominees of their position on a panel on or before **November 19, 2020**. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, this Work Session will be held via webinar, and will include the opportunity for public questions and comments. All panels will be moderated by NJBPU Staff.

Staff notes that there are several utility proceedings addressing AMI implementation plans pending before the Board in Docket Nos. EO1810115 (PSE&G), EO20080545 (JCP&L), and

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EO20080541 (ACE), which may include some of issues discussed in this Work Session. Staff notes that these are separate proceedings with separate evidentiary records. This Work Session is designed to provide a forum for stakeholders to discuss issues related to AMI data sharing and analysis, but will not be made part of the evidentiary record in those proceedings.

AMI WORK SESSION AGENDA

The meeting will be held on November 23, 2020.

Register for the webinar: <https://register.gotowebinar.com/register/4528451199649988367>

Please note that the public will be afforded the opportunity to participate and ask questions of the panelists.

9:30 – 9:35 a.m.

Opening Remarks **Heather L. Weisband, Esq., NJBPU Senior Counsel**

9:35 a.m. – 10:20 a.m.

Educational Session: Perspectives from Other States on AMI Deployment

10:20 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. **Moderated by Paul Flanagan, NJBPU Executive Director**

Panel One: Ensuring AMI's Ability to Facilitate EMP Goals: An Exploration of Hardware and Software Considerations

- What core capabilities are necessary to allow AMI to contribute to better distribution planning and a 100% clean energy grid?
- How can New Jersey ensure that AMI is able to deliver value today and as the grid evolves, including data capture, processing, and communications?
- How can we enable AMI to meet future use cases, not just those already deployed over the past decade?
- Are there any steps utilities should take to facilitate the use of AMI in enhancing delivery of energy efficiency services, reducing load, or displacing emissions through active load-side management, particularly in environmental justice areas?
- What technical requirements should utilities be including in their AMI rollout plans?

- **Gregg Edeson**, Partner, PA Consulting
- **Robert Gibbs**, Director of Corporate & Regulatory Affairs, Centrica
- **Marissa R. Hummon**, PhD, Chief Technology Officer, Utilidata
- **Nha Truong**, PE, Strategic Planning Program Manager, American Water

12:30 p.m. – 2:00 p.m. **Moderated by Abraham Silverman, NJBPU General Counsel**

Panel Two: Data Access, Sharing and Transparency

- What types of products and services can be facilitated with access to near-real-time customer interval usage data?

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- Do standard Application Programming Interfaces (APIs), such as “Green Button,” ensure the necessary data transparency for retail customers, third-party retail suppliers, or energy services providers?
 - o If not, what technical standards are necessary to enable meaningful access to AMI interval usage data?
 - o Are Electronic Data Interchange (EDI) or Comma Separated Value (CSV) data solutions appropriate?
- How should any costs associated with utilities providing this access be allocated?
- How do we ensure that academic institutions conducting research into grid reliability/resilience, consumer behavior, or decarbonization have access to AMI data?

- **Leah Gibbons**, Director, Regulatory Affairs, NRG Energy, Inc.
- **Terrence J. Moran**, Director of Energy Supply Acquisition & Operations, Public Service Electric and Gas Company
- **Michael Murray**, President of Mission: Data Coalition
- **Gary Rahl**, Managing Director, Deloitte Consulting LLP
- **Chris Villarreal**, Associate Fellow, R Street
- **Sheri Wiegand**, Principal Market Advocate, Vistra Corp.

This technical conference will be recorded as a public record and will be transcribed by a court reporter.

Stakeholders may wish to file comments addressing issues that may arise during the Work Session. Commenters are encouraged to file their submissions electronically through the Board’s External Access Portal upon obtaining a MyNewJersey Portal ID. Once you establish a MyNewJersey account, an authorization code is required which you can request by emailing the NJBPU’s IT Helpdesk at BPUIHELPDESK@bpu.nj.gov. Detailed instructions for e-Filing can be found on NJBPU’s website at <https://www.nj.gov/bpu/agenda/efiling>. Members of the public may file comments regardless of whether they participated in the public meetings. Comments may also be submitted electronically to board.secretary@bpu.nj.gov in PDF or Word format with specific reference to this docket. Comments that do not reference this docket number may not be considered. Staff will accept comments on this matter through **5 p.m. ET on December 7, 2020**.

Please note that any comments are considered “public documents” for purposes of the State’s Open Public Records Act. Stakeholders may identify information that they seek to keep confidential by submitting them in accordance with the confidentiality procedures set forth in N.J.A.C. 14:1-12.3.

Any questions regarding the AMI Work Session or comment period may be submitted via email to board.secretary@bpu.nj.gov.



Aida Camacho-Welch
Secretary of the Board

Dated: November 19, 2020