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Dudek is named Person of the Year at NEPPA Annual Conference

Joe Dudek of Jewett City, Conn. has been honored as NEPPA's Person of the Year for 2005, which is the highest honor that NEPPA can bestow on an individual. NEPPA Executive Director Pat Hyland presented the award to an emotional Dudek at NEPPA's Annual Conference in Newport, R.I.



Joe Dudek of Jewett City accepts NEPPA's Person of the Year Award from NEPPA Executive Director Pat Hyland.

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"For nearly a half-century," said Hyland, "Joe Dudek served his Board and his customers in a manner that has won the respect and admiration of his entire community."

Last May, Joe Dudek retired as director of utilities for the Jewett City Department of Public Utilities in Connecticut, a company for whom he had worked for 45 years. He also served as vice-chairman of the Connecticut Municipal Electric Energy Cooperative (CMEEC) Board of Directors for the last 18 years, and was an active member and director of NEPPA. In 1996 he was elected president of NEPPA, and he served as chairman of the annual conference committee for many years.

"Joe made sure that everyone got a personal greeting when they arrived," said Hyland, "and he provided an outstanding example of personal leadership and dedication to advancing the goals of public power. He is a person of unmatched character and NEPPA has been greatly enriched by his contributions."

Commissioner Service Award

NEPPA also honored Julio Leandri with a special Commissioner Service Award for Lifetime Achievement. Until earlier this year, Leandri was commissioner of the Groton Utilities Department in Groton, Conn. He had served on the Groton Board for 20 years, following his career of 38 years with the Department. He was also Groton's representative to the Board of Directors of CMEEC for the past 25 years and had served as chairman of the CMEEC Board since 1988. Julio also made major contributions to NEPPA while Groton Utilities was a member of the association. He was an active member of the Legislative Committee and participated in the Washington legislative meetings every year for over 20 years. He also served as interim manager of NEPPA for a six-month period during 1989.

"Julio has made a lifetime commitment to public service," said Ted Garille,

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NEPPA welcomes new Board members



Cameron



Edwards



Grimes



Hiscock

The NEPPA membership elected five new Board members at the 2005 Annual Conference business meeting in August.

Three members were elected from Massachusetts.

Vin Cameron, general manager of the Reading Municipal Light Department, has been with the utility since 1988 serving as manager of energy services, assistant general manager of the Energy Operations Division and acting general manager. Cameron has a degree in Economics from the University of Massachusetts at Boston.

Scott Edwards, assistant general manager for the Littleton Electric Light & Water Departments, has nearly 23 years of public power experience, serving as an electrical engineer for the Danvers Electric Division for eight years, two years as general manager of the Middleton Municipal Electric Department, and as electrical engineer for Littleton. He is also chairman of the NEPPA Mutual Aid Committee.

William Bottiggi, general manager of the Braintree Electric Light Department, has

close to 20 years in the industry, and served as a project manager for NStar prior to joining BELD. He has a master's degree in business administration.

Barbara Grimes, general manager of Burlington Electric Department was elected from Vermont. Grimes, who served four terms in the Vermont House of Representatives from 1985 to 1993, comes to the utility from the Vermont Department of Employment and Training where she was a commissioner. Previously, she served for five years as commissioner of the Vermont Department of Housing and Community Affairs.

John Hiscock, general manager of South Norwalk Electric and Water, was elected from Connecticut. After serving as manager of the city's water department for several years, he took over management of the electric company in July of 2001. He serves on the Connecticut Municipal Electric Energy Cooperative board of directors.

See below for a complete list of officers and directors.

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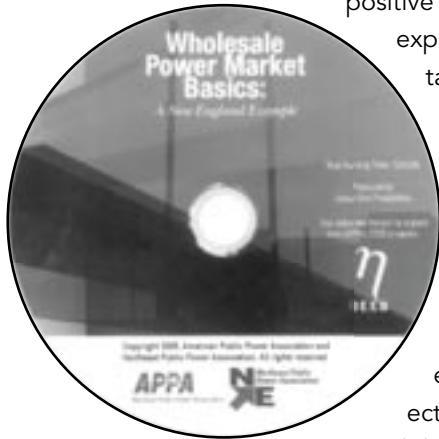
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Wholesale power markets explained in new NEPPA video

A new training video on wholesale power markets in New England was shown to NEPPA members and guests during the 2005 Annual Conference, with positive reviews. The video, which explains some of the important features of deregulated wholesale power markets in the region, was first proposed by NEPPA's Regional Power Supply Committee as a training tool for public power officials and policy makers. Funding for the project was provided by NEPPA and the American Public Power Association through its DEED program.



The film provides a simplified explanation of market operations, as well as how public power systems must now interact with complex day-ahead and real time markets, as well as more traditional bilat-

eral markets, to plan and secure their power supply requirements. It is also anticipated that the video will be of value to officials and board members in other regions of the country that have adopted FERC's Standard Market Design for wholesale electricity markets.

The video script was prepared by communications consultant Elaine O'Neill, who worked closely with an advisory committee of power supply experts drawn from the NEPPA membership. The video was produced by Ocean One Productions, a Boston-based video production company.

NEPPA members who attended the Annual Conference received copies of the video, and all other member systems will shortly be mailed copies for their use. Additional copies can be obtained from the NEPPA office at a cost of \$5 each.

Contact Sheila Boone for more information on ordering (508) 482-5906.

Attention: Vermont member utilities - Mark your calendars

Underground Facilities Workshop

NEPPA is presenting a one-day workshop for all field operations and management personnel with responsibility for moving soil, setting poles, or other types of excavation activities. It is also appropriate for owners of underground electric supply facilities.

Thursday, Oct. 6, 2005
9 am – 2 pm
Hillary's Restaurant, Morrisville, VT

Breakfast Meeting

NEPPA is planning to host a breakfast meeting for Vermont member utilities to discuss Association services and training programs for 2006. We invite all GMs and General Foremen to attend and give us your ideas and suggestions. Details will be sent out shortly. Tentative date and location is:

Friday, Oct. 7, 2005
Hillary's Restaurant, Morrisville, VT



Awards

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NEPPA vice-president. "He has worked tirelessly and with great dedication and integrity on behalf of public power not only for Connecticut but for all of New England."



Photo caption

Other Commissioner Service Award recipients were Dennis O. Whitman of Pascoag Utility District, C. Allen Gable of New Hampshire Electric Cooperative, George L. Ainsleigh of Ashburnham Municipal Light Plant, Stanley Israelite of Norwich Public Utilities, and Walter A. Foskett of Hingham

Municipal Light Plant. This award recognizes public power Board members who have served their utilities with distinction for at least three terms of office, or ten years.

Special Recognition Award

A Special Recognition Award was given to Steve Kaminski of the New Hampshire Electric Cooperative who has served as the chairman of the NEPPA Regional Power Supply Committee for the last several years. Under Kaminski's leadership, the committee organized

a number of major information and representation programs related to the evolution of ISO New England and the development of wholesale power markets in New England. He performed or directed all of the activities involved in these tasks, including extensive written communications, telephone conversations and emails, and earned the respect of all the participating systems for his diligence, his fairness, and his integrity. "Without Steve's leadership of the Regional Power Committee during a very difficult process, and



Photo caption



Photo caption

his outstanding representation of public power's interests in New England as committee chair" said President John Clark, "it is possible that none of these tasks would have been completed."

Service Awards

NEPPA Service Awards were presented to retiring members of the NEPPA Board of Directors, including Bernard Machia of Stowe Electric Department, Timothy McCarthy of Belmont Municipal Light Department, David Sweetland of North Attleborough Electric Department and Anthony Monteiro of Hudson Light and Power Department.

Outstanding Affiliate Member Award

NEPPA also recognized Hydron, Inc. with an Outstanding Affiliate Member Award for their extensive support and assistance to NEPPA safety and training programs. The company has made generous donations of time, expertise, equipment and tools for students enrolled in association training programs, as well as new equipment for NEPPA staff members to use for classroom demonstrations. They have also provided free testing services to NEPPA for equipment used in technical programs, and have been active participants in the annual NEPPA Expo and Operations Conference and Lineworkers' Rodeo. Michael McManus accepted the award from Dave Fabrizius of NEPPA.

"Hydron is one of NEPPA's most loyal and dedicated affiliate members," said Fabrizius. "Their generosity and support of our association is second to none and they are most deserving of this award."

Century Award

Barbara Grimes, general manager of the Burlington Electric Department, accepted a Century Award to commemorate her utility's 100th anniversary of service.

Folce's cable project brings reliable power to Maine island

In July of 2001, after a long career in the electric utility industry, David Folce came to Fox Island Cooperative in Maine to serve as general manager at a critical



David Folce of Fox Islands accepts a NEPPA Distinguished Service Award from Sharon Staz of Kennebunk, Maine.

time in the island's electrical history. The four transmission cables feeding the Islands were repeatedly failing due to age and damage from fishing activities and they were prohibitively costly to maintain and repair. The result

was numerous outages and increasing power rates. During one outage the Island was totally black for 57 consecutive hours. As winters on a coastal island can be a dangerous time, residents were angry and business was losing revenue and patience with the cooperative.

Folce proposed that a new buried transmission cable be installed from the mainland to the island. The project, estimated at \$7 million (\$2.6 grant money) was a massive undertaking for a micro-utility with no funds and minimal staff. It involved not only financing, engineering and local permits, but also the Army Corps of Engineers, Coast Guard, National Oceanography Agency, State Wildlife and Fisheries, local lobstermen and fishermen, and the Endangered Species Act.

After three years of perseverance, the line was installed and energized to the Fox Island system on April 22, 2005. The project came in on time and under budget.

On behalf of NEPPA, Sharon Staz of Kennebunk Light & Power District presented the NEPPA Distinguished Service Award to Folce for this overwhelming accomplishment that assures that customers have reliable, dependable delivery of electricity.

"He kept the project from becoming Fox Island Cooperative's *Big Dig*", said Staz.

Thank You!

We couldn't have done it without you.

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*An ode by
Pat Hyland
read at the
NEPPA Annual
Conference Banquet*



Deborah Sliz of Morgan Meguire gives a legislative update.



John Coyle, esq., of Duncan & Allen and Scott Strauss, Esq of Spiegel & McDiarmid get plugged in to give a FERC update.



Janine Moon talks about leadership legacies.

Happy Birthday NEPPA!

T'was forty years ago this month they gathered up in Maine
To join together as a group, the advantages to gain
Two dozen men who looked ahead and saw the future clear
A public power family, with members far and near

Let's call it NEPPA, they agreed, and make it work for all
And so the meeting was adjourned, and someone yelled "last call!"
The early years were busy ones, with purpose and a mission
Dickey Lincoln, NEPOOL, and access to transmission

Our leaders were a fearless bunch, who gave more than they took
Michael Collins, Jim Baker, Bill Clinton and Walter Cook
They battled at the FERC and in the courts and paid the cost
With George Spiegel in the trenches, they won more than they lost

And as our founders left the scene, the new guys came along
To build on their foundation and to make the family strong
T'was Sweetland from Rhode Island and Coleman up in Maine
Harland Titemore from Vermont and from Massachusetts, Harold Payne

The Irish delegation was a big part of the club
They could be found at meetings gathered very near the pub
Massachusetts gave us McCarthy, Leary, Kelly and O'Connor
While Vermont turned out Bill Gallagher and other men of honor

The eighties brought the Seabrook years, which shook the family tree
But like all clans they moved ahead, and agreed to disagree
Deregulation in the nineties, new challenges to face
And leadership from many, to keep NEPPA in the race

It was Patten, Lanciani, Dunfey and Golubek
Josie, McGrath and Blain and Staz, and our old friend, Joe Dudek
To keep our spirits high and to minimize our folly
We had our own good humor men – Bob Merry and Bob Jolly

From Maine they came on icy roads, the meetings to attend
To escape their frozen winters, and to reconnect with friends
Aroostock County, Kennebunk, and places in between
John Clark from up in Houlton, and from Calais, Jimmy Dean

And from Vermont new leaders who joined in our communion
They taught us how to get along; how to form a "civil union"
It was Collins, Yandow, Lague, sure they were a mighty force
With Morley in the statehouse and from Morrisville, Scott Corse

From New Hampshire we had Anderson - who drove the Kankamangus
And from the IOUs, new guys like Bottiggi and Tzimirangas
And our Italian brothers, who covered us with glory
Rossi and Leandri, Garille and Tenore

The years went by, the faces changed, new players took the field
But Northeast Public Power stayed the course and would not yield
Through ISOs and RTOs and wholesale competition
They focused on the customer, and upheld a proud tradition

It's forty years of memories, with many more to go
As we honor those who've led the way, and helped public power grow
They've built an institution and a sense of unity
And learned to work together in a real community

So let us raise a glass tonight from the entire Red Sox Nation
To wish a Happy Birthday to the Northeast Public Power Association!

Lessons learned from the Florida hurricanes

While almost twelve months have passed since the deadly storm season of 2004, Florida utility officials remember all too well the 56 days from August 10 to October 4, during which four major hurricanes devastated the state. Altogether, the four storms caused an estimated \$21 billion in damages and affected the electric service of more

than 10 million customers. The devastation was extensive, and touched many of the state's public power systems, resulting in one of the largest mutual aid responses from out-of-state electric utilities in Florida's history.

Barry Moline, Executive Director of the Florida Municipal Electric Association (FMEA), played a key role in planning and coordinating the mutual aid activities in public power communities, and shared some of the lessons learned from his experience with NEPPA members at the recent Annual Conference. He offered a list of suggestions to utilities and associations that may face similar emergencies in the future (see below):



NEPPA Mutual aid Committee Chairman Scott Edwards and NEPPA Executive Director Pat Hyland accept appreciation plaques from Barry Moline of FMEA.

Moline also thanked the many New England public power systems that responded to Florida's request for assistance, and presented an appreciation plaque to NEPPA and to Scott Edwards, chairman of NEPPA's mutual aid committee.

(Moline's full presentation can be found on NEPPA's website www.neppa.org)

Information on NEPPA's mutual aid program can also be found on the web site including procedures for requesting or offering assistance and contact information for regional coordinators.

Moline's top ten emergency management tips

1. Update emergency response plans on a regular basis; make sure that all contacts and responsibilities are clearly identified.
2. Make sure that all participating utilities have signed the mutual aid agreement before requesting or providing assistance.
3. Have contracts already in place for private contractors that will be called on.
4. Make sure that catering and laundry arrangements are ready to go and communicated to everyone who will be using them.
5. Use non-essential staff to make all hotel arrangements as soon as possible; also, use same staff to provide child care for field staff.
6. Make sure all employees get sufficient rest.
7. Refill parked trucks at night with gas and supplies.
8. Identify reliability issues with cell phone providers in advance.
9. Update critical customer list on a regular basis.
10. Share as much information as possible with the news media.

New GM begins at North Attleboro

James C. Moynihan, former North Attleborough town administrator, began his duties as the Electric Department's new general manager on Aug. 15.

During his 10-year tenure as town administrator, he was responsible for daily management activities of the community, capital planning, human resources administration, contract negotiations and fiscal management. He has had an opportunity to work with NAED and its staff in areas such as the planning and funding of the MuniNet and the Department's valuation study.

Prior to coming to North Attleborough, Moynihan served in the public, private and not-for-profit sectors. He has also been an adjunct faculty member at four colleges, teaching government and public policy related courses.

Moynihan lives in North Attleborough with his wife Cathleen and two children.

"I am most appreciative that the Electric Commissioners have given me the opportunity to undertake a new professional challenge while continuing to serve the citizens of North Attleborough," he said. "I look for-

ward to assisting the fine men and women of NAED and the Commissioners in their efforts to ensure that our town's Electric Department is the finest municipal light department in the state."

Thomas Corrigan, Chairman of the North Attleborough Board of Electric Commissioners, also gave recognition to Robert Ellston, who for the past 11 months has served as interim general manager. Speaking on behalf of the Commissioners, he said, "I want to express our appreciation to Mr. Ellston for his service to the Town and the Electric Department. He has been at the Department for over 30 years working with a high level of professional commitment. All of us wish him well as he returns to his position of Operations Division Manager."

For more information, please visit the NAED website at www.naelectric.com; or call 508.643.6300 to contact the Department or the Commissioners. To reach General Manager James Moynihan, please call 508.643.6312 or email JMoynihan@naelectric.com.

MMWEC celebrates debt payoff

To celebrate the repayment of \$85.2 million in debt, officials at Massachusetts Municipal Wholesale Electric Co. recently burned some of the tax-exempt revenue bond certificates sold in 1980 to finance the construction of its 170-megawatt power plant.

The retirement of the debt for the Stony Brook Peaking Unit means that 22 municipal utilities that have been paying the unit's costs will be free of its debt service, which averaged about \$5 million a year. The savings will help offset rising costs for fossil fuel and other expenses, but are not likely to result in rate reduc-

tions, according to an MMWEC spokesman.

"This is an important event in the history of MMWEC," said Chairman H. Bradford White in a prepared statement. "It shows that the Massachusetts public power financing program is working and that joint action among the state's municipal utilities produces positive results."

The shredded pieces of the bond certificates, burnt in a ceremony similar to a mortgage burning, were placed in tin cans that were given to about 150 MMWEC members and others.

Lightning storm slams Hingham

Five inches of rain and a “wall of thunderstorms” passed through the South Shore area of Massachusetts on Aug. 14 causing significant damage to power lines and, at one point, leaving many of Hingham’s customers without power.

There were also reports of “micro bursts” by the National Weather Service in the Hingham area, a rare surge of 60-to-70-mile-per-hour winds. According to storm reports, the micro bursts occurred during a three-hour storm on Sunday afternoon. Hingham Municipal Light Plant crews had to rebuild several sections of power lines and poles damaged by lightning in order to restore the power to the customers in the impacted areas. The effort took the crews until early Monday evening.

“The poles and wires were damaged beyond repair and new equipment needed to be installed to restore the service to the customers,” said John G. Tzimirangas, general manager of Hingham Light. “The damage to our facilities was scattered and it looked like we took lightning hits in several areas of town. Some hit the electric infrastructure, with other strikes hitting trees which took the poles and lines down with them.”

HMLP reports that at the peak of the storm approximately 4,000 customers in Hingham were without electric

service. That number dropped to 500 in the early morning hours of Monday.

“ I’ve worked through blizzards and multiple thunderstorms,” said Ed McDonald, HMLP general foreman, “but I’ve never seen anything like this in my 34 years of experience. This is something for the record books.”

In neighboring Braintree, Braintree Electric Light Department (BELD) field workers and supervisors worked through the night to keep the lights on in town, and then sent three linemen to Hingham to help workers recover. The Braintree employees - Working Line Foreman Bruce Williams and Linemen Dan Uhlman and Chris Thoener - assisted Hingham linemen

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Lightning strikes general foreman

Ed McDonald, general foreman at the Hingham Municipal Light Plant, was knocked to the ground when lightning struck some pine trees approximately 50 feet away and blew the top off a utility pole. He was on the cell phone with the plant’s General Manager John Tzimirangas when the incident happened during intense thunderstorms on Aug.14.

“One minute I was talking on the cell phone and the next minute I was on the ground not knowing what had happened,” Said McDonald. A light plant crew arrived and stayed with him until the police responded and transported him to South Shore hospital where he was examined and released. He immediately went back to work.

“I’ve been doing this for 34 years and it is part of me,” he said. “That’s my job. I couldn’t sit home with the storm going on,” he said.



Employment

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Reading Municipal Light

First Class Lineman

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Qualified candidates should send their resume to Beth-Ellen Antonio, Human Resources Manager, Reading Municipal Light Department, 230 Ash Street, Reading, MA 01867, email: bantonio@rml.com or by fax to (781) 942-2409.

Peabody Municipal Light Plant

Junior Electrical Engineer

PMLP is seeking qualified applicants for the position of Junior Electrical Engineer. The position is responsible for performing a wide variety of electrical engineering duties including the design and troubleshooting of Transmission, Distribution, Substation and Generation facilities; and the analysis of power supply options.

The qualified applicant should possess a B.S. degree in Electrical Engineering with a minimum of three (3) years electric utility experience.

The PMLP provides an excellent salary/benefit package and is an EOE. Annual

salary range is \$57,813-\$71,966. Please submit your resume to William F. Waters, Manager, 201 Warren St. Ext., Peabody, MA 01960 or e-mail to wwaters@pmlp.com.

Peabody Municipal Light Plant

Superintendent of Electric Distribution

PMLP is seeking qualified applicants for the position of Superintendent of Electric Distribution. The position is responsible for planning, designing, coordinating, scheduling and supervising the construction, maintenance and operation of the transmission, distribution and metering systems. Additional areas of responsibility include fleet maintenance and tree trimming.

The qualified applicant should possess extensive skills in project management as well as an extensive background in the construction and maintenance of electrical distribution systems and related equipment. A minimum of five years experience in managing electric utility line construction projects and supervising electric utility operation and maintenance personnel is preferred. Experience as a First Class Lineman and possession of a CDL is also preferred.

The PMLP provides an excellent salary/benefit package and is an EOE. Annual salary range is \$80,566-\$100,277. Please submit your resume to William Waters, Manager at 201 Warren St. Ext., Peabody, MA 01960 or e-mail to wwaters@pmlp.com.

CEO/General Manager Adams Electric Cooperative, Inc. Gettysburg, PA

The Board of Directors of Adams Electric Cooperative invites applications for the position of CEO/General Manager. The current CEO is retiring in early 2006.

A bachelor's degree in an appropriate field is required, as well as a proven track record of successful management and leadership.

Send a resume and three professional references by September 15 to:

John M. Mashaw

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BELD supports the Thomas Watson Library and Research Center

When Thomas Augustus Watson found himself on the receiving end of Alexander Graham Bell's first successful telephone call in 1876, it was just the beginning of a remarkable career that eventually brought Watson to East Braintree in 1883—where he established a company that later became the Fore River Shipyard and then founded the "Braintree Electric Light Company."

Considered by many to be Braintree's favorite "native son," Watson established the Fore River Engine Company in 1885 at the site of the former Watson Branch of the Thayer Public Library on Quincy Avenue.

It is therefore fitting that the Braintree Historical Society has leased the library building from the town and launched a \$1.5 million fund drive to convert the space into a library and research center that will feature Watson's contributions and the history of the area's maritime industry.

After retaining an architectural firm and drawing up plans for the Thomas Watson Library and Research Center, the society announced a two-phase plan for the construction. Included in the list of renovations was a significant upgrade in electrical service—a project recently completed by Braintree Electric Light Department (BELD). To lend its support to the library project, BELD has donated the cost of materials and labor for the newly-installed underground 600-amp system.

"We're pleased to support the Braintree Historical Society in their efforts to highlight the life of Thomas Watson and the many contributions he made to Braintree and the surrounding area," said Bill Bottiggi, BELD general manager. "As the founder of Braintree Electric Light Department and its manager from 1892-1895, Watson believed strongly in the concept of locally owned and operated electric service—a concept we continue to embrace 113 years later."

Lightning

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until Tuesday with a variety of restoration efforts. Working independently from the Hingham crews, the BELD linemen re-energized high-voltage lines, picked up downed wires from streets strewn with debris and repaired individual house services.

Due to their close proximity, the Braintree and Hingham utilities have a history of assisting each other after storms of this magnitude. Both departments participate in the Emergency Assistance Agreement coordinated by NEPPA. This mutual aid system creates a procedure for utilities to call upon each other for person-

nel and equipment in the event of electric service interruptions caused by storms, floods, hurricanes and other emergencies.

"We are fortunate to have such capable and competent people just a few miles down the road," said Tzimirangas.

He announced that HMLP will be conducting an internal review of its procedures and performance during the past lightning storm. The review will concentrate on the damage assessment process, the causes of the significant damage and the restoration process that followed once the storm had ended.

Committee Meetings

September 15

Public Communications
10 AM
NEPPA office , Milford, Mass.

September 30

Executive
10 AM
NEPPA office , Milford, Mass.

October 14

Board of Directors
9:00 AM Lake Morey Resort, Fairlee, Vt.

Upcoming Events

September 9

Customer Communications
Workshop
9:00 PM
VPPSA, Waterbury, Vt.

September 10

Annual Lineworker's Rodeo
8:00 AM
North Beach, Burlington, Vt.

October 3 – 5 Fall Session

**Public Utility Management
Program**
New England Center
Durham, N. H.

October 6

Underground Facilities Damage
Prevention Program
9:00 AM
Hillary's Restaurant
Morrisville, Vt.

October 20

Revenue Protection Workshop
9:00 AM
Shrewsbury Town Hall
Shrewsbury, Mass.

December 9

Annual Membership Meeting
10:00 AM
East Bay Grille, Plymouth, Mass.

