



Sara Rockwell joined Central Hudson in 2022 as an Engineering Technician. Sara's primary duties involve answering the "DG Line", emails and processing all applications less than 50 kW. She has worked to ensure all applications are processed in a timely manner and all inquiries are answered. Sara has a background in Mechanical Engineering and project management. When not processing applications, you will most likely find her at the baseball field, basketball court or martial arts studios with her 3 sons.



John Scalo is a recent graduate of SUNY New Paltz with a Bachelor's degree in Electrical Engineering. John is currently an Assistant Engineer in the Planning and Interconnections department at Central Hudson, where he assists in supporting distributed generation interconnection efforts. This includes hosting capacity updates and improvements, as well as analysis within the SIR interconnection process.



Jay Tompkins is a Business Analyst supporting the Transmission Planning and Interconnections team at Central Hudson. Jay began his career at Central Hudson in 2010 as an Accountant in the Company's Financial Reporting department. He later transferred to Regulatory Affairs in 2014 as a Cost and Rate analyst and then ultimately transferred to his current role in 2021.

As a Business Analyst, Jay's responsibilities include working directly with the Company's engineering, regulatory, accounting, finance, and billing departments in whatever capacity necessary. His main role in the Transmission Planning and Interconnections group is to manage the Company's wholesale and local interconnection processes.

Jay earned a B.S. in Accounting and a B.S. in Finance from SUNY New Paltz in 2006.



Devin Van Zandt is a Senior Technical Executive currently leading EPRI's efforts related to assessing the technical and economic grid impacts of Distribution Energy Resources. Prior to joining EPRI in June 2018, Devin spent 28 years in a variety of roles and, most recently, leading a team of power systems and software engineers developing commercial planning software tools – GE PSLF, GE MAPS, and GE MARS. Devin holds a B.S. in Electrical Engineering from Cornell University, and an M.S. in Electric Power Engineering from RPI.

AGENDA

Doors open at 8:00 a.m.

- 8:30 - 9:15** **Registration, Breakfast, Networking**
- 9:15 - 9:20** **Welcome/Introduction**
Central Hudson – Joe Jenkins
- 9:20 - 9:30** **Energy Transformation**
Central Hudson – Ryan Hawthorne
- 9:30 - 9:45** **Application Process & FAQs**
Central Hudson – Sara Rockwell
- 9:45 - 10:00** **CRD Multimode**
Central Hudson – Tony Anchante
- 10:00 - 10:30** **Contractor Tap-On Process**
Central Hudson – Dan Harkenrider
- 10:30 - 10:45** **BREAK**
- 10:45 - 11:00** **Hosting Capacity**
Central Hudson – Dylan Piccorelli & John Scalo
- 11:00 - 11:30** **Standards & Quality Assurance**
NYSERDA – Amy Kasson-Muzio & David Houle
- 11:30 - 12:00** **NY-Sun Program Updates**
NYSERDA – Luke Forster
- 12:00 - 1:30** **Lunch, Networking**
- 1:30 - 2:00** **Common File Format & Validation Tool**
EPRI – Devin Van Zandt
- 2:00 - 2:30** **NY's 2024 Solar Market Outlook**
NYSEIA – Noah Ginsburg
- 2:30 - 2:45** **FERC 2222**
Central Hudson – Jay Tompkins
- 2:45- 3:00** **VDER Compensation**
Central Hudson – Julia Castellanos
- Closing Remarks**

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Tony Anchante is an Engineering Technician who works with the distribution planning team at Central Hudson. He has over eight years of experience in reviewing interconnection applications and assisting customers/developers with their clean energy projects.



Julia Castellanos is a DER program manager at Central Hudson. Dedicated to providing accuracy, her focus is based on constantly learning, building a strong foundation and providing a good customer experience. She has worked at Central Hudson for twelve years and previously worked as a project coordinator for a local publishing company. She currently lives in the Hudson Valley with her two teenage children and enjoys hiking and drawing.



Luke Forster is a Senior Business Analyst on NYSERDA's Distributed Energy Resources team. He is based in Albany, and provides NYSERDA's NY-Sun and Energy Storage teams with policy, data, and analytic support.



Noah Ginsburg is Executive Director of New York Solar Energy Industries Association (NY-SEIA). In this role, he is charged with advancing the distributed solar + storage industry in New York through policy/advocacy, public education, research, and member capacity-building. Prior to NYSEIA, Noah spent seven years as program director at Solar One, a nonprofit organization

that expands access to the benefits of clean energy to all New Yorkers through education, solar technical assistance, and workforce development. While at Solar One, Noah built a robust program that developed more than 800 solar projects, primarily on affordable housing. From 2021-2022, he also served on the board of NYSEIA and chaired the NYC Policy Committee. Prior to joining Solar One, Noah had diverse roles in the solar industry at the City University of New York, Sungevity, Sunrun and OnGrid. Noah holds a bachelor's degree in Renewable Energy from the CUNY Baccalaureate Program/Hunter College.



Dan Harkenrider began working for Central Hudson in 2002 in the Meter Reading department. After five years there, he was promoted to Service Supervisor. Dan is responsible for the Commercial Representatives in the Mid-Hudson Division. The Commercial department handles gas and electric New Business, gas leaks, high bill and shared meter investigations, meter locks and unlocks, meter sets and removals, building and installing gas meter manifolds, voltage complaints, switched meters and tree trimming.



Ryan G. Hawthorne is Vice President of Electric Engineering and Operations at Central Hudson, overseeing electric engineering functions and field operations for the utility's electric system as well as the Company's system operations and emergency management functions.

Hawthorne joined Central Hudson as an Electric Operations Engineer in 2008, and he was promoted to Operating Supervisor and Electric Transmission and Distribution Superintendent. In 2014, Hawthorne was promoted to Director of Dispatch Operations, leading the around-the-clock electric and natural gas dispatch center, and in 2017 was promoted to Director of Distribution System Operations, overseeing the centralization of electric distribution operations and implementation of the new Distribution Management System. In 2019, Hawthorne was promoted to Director of Transmission and Distribution Operations, overseeing emergency response for Central Hudson and the development of the utility's electric and gas emergency planning, and Assistant Vice President of Electric Engineering and Operations in 2020. He was appointed to his current position in January 2021.

He earned a Bachelor's of Science degree from Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute in Electrical Engineering and Computer & Systems Engineering in 2008, and a Master of Science degree in Electric Power Engineering from Worcester Polytechnic Institute in 2016.

Hawthorne serves as a board member for Orange County Partnership and the Children's Home of Kingston, and volunteers for the United Way.



David Houle is the Standards and Quality Assurance Senior Project Manager for the NY-Sun Large Commercial and Industrial program, EmPower+ program, Comfort Home Pilot, and Healthy Home Pilot. He is a degreed mechanical engineer with a NYS Professional Engineering License and AEE Certified Energy Manager.

He joined NYSERDA in February 2017 when he began working with the Quality Service Providers to achieve consistent inspection results and identify installation trends that do not meet minimum program requirements. David has over 15 years of engineering consulting experience providing energy auditing, commissioning and design services to multi-family, commercial, healthcare and industrial facilities.



Amy Kasson-Muzio provides a high level of quality and compliance oversight for the New York Solar Programs.

Amy joined NYSERDA in April 2017 and brings over 20 years of quality experience with Fortune 500 organizations, including General Electric and Regeneron Pharmaceutical, focused on managing quality performance through establishing and promoted Quality KPIs across the organization, crafted and implemented testing standards and policies, and ensured process improvement by implementing quality projects found by analyzing customer issues/corrective action requests (CARs) and equipment/process capabilities.

Amy also developed, maintained and led improvements to the Quality Management System (QMS) to better serve customers and stakeholders. Amy has been instrumental in delivering quality management solutions for business operations and has supported the development of energy efficiency workforce development programs. Amy has a B.S. from New York State University at Albany in Environmental Studies.

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Dylan Piccorelli is an Assistant Engineer for the Planning and Interconnections group at Central Hudson. His role includes the upkeep of Central Hudson's hosting capacity maps as well as performing technical reviews of interconnection applications.

Dylan graduated from SUNY New Paltz with a B.S. in Electrical Engineering.