

Business & Technology Update



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Stacked Benefits Analysis for Direct Load Control

NRECA, in partnership with PNNL, has developed a new demand response planning software application, "VirtualBatteries," and an associated app "vbatStacked" to assist cooperatives in determining load control benefits for stacked scenarios. Now available on NRECA's OMF platform: omf.coop.

- [More information](#)
- Contact: [David Pinney](#)

Steam Condenser Integrity Assessment and Improvement

Cycling of fossil fuel plants in response to renewable generation variability results in stresses that can cause damage. This two-part article series summarizes the CEATI report: *Best Practice Guidelines for the Operation and Maintenance of Steam Condensers and Their Auxiliaries*.

- Article 1 – [How to Find and Fix Leaks and Tube Fouling](#)
- Article 2 - [How to Assess Integrity and Improve Performance](#)
- Contacts: [Dan Walsh](#) and [Dale Bradshaw](#)

10 Things To Consider When Plugging In Electric Fleet

NRECA has partnered with the Edison Electric Institute (EEI) and American Public Power Association (APPA) to create a common document that the entire industry can reference as commercial fleets begin to electrify.

- [More Information](#)
- Contact : [Brian Sloboda](#)

Battery Storage Partnership Opportunity

We are seeking co-ops who plan on deploying battery energy storage within the next 1-2 years to support critical infrastructure, for exploring a strategic partnership opportunity with the U.S. Department of Energy. Interested co-ops should reach out to the contacts below by October 21.

- Contacts: [Jan Ahlen](#) (non-military) and [Lauren Khair](#) (military)

U.S. Economy's Impact on Rural America

NRECA economists and RE Advisers portfolio managers have published [Mid-Year 2019 U.S. Economic Outlook-A Focus on Rural America](#), a new report that outlines several economic issues expected to impact rural electric cooperatives and likely to play a big role in the communities they serve.

- [Download the Report](#)
- Contacts:
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Upcoming Events

- **2019 G&T Resource Planners Association Conference**
October 15-17, Lexington, KY
- **[Technology Planning, Decision Making and Leadership: Enhancing Organizational Effectiveness](#)**
October 22-23, San Antonio, TX
- **Electrification 2020 International Conference & Exposition**
April 6-9, 2020, Charlotte, NC



- Portfolio Management Perspectives:
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North Carolina Co-ops Support Bright Ideas

Part of our *Advancing Energy Access for All* initiative, this case study highlights how North Carolina's Electric Cooperatives Bright Ideas program not only helps alleviate economic challenges in their communities, but also makes investment in the next generation.

- **Case Study**
- **Advancing Energy Access for All Website**
- Contacts: Keith Dennis and Adaora Ifeigh

Reliability Benchmarking Online App

The Reliability Benchmarking Group web app can track and analyze the outage data, benchmark cooperatives with each other nationwide, and provide real-time data through special tools in the program.

- **More Information and Sign-up**
- Contact: Tony Thomas

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