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Clean Energy Economy Conference focuses on “disruptive innovation”

Regional energy leaders return to Glens Falls for annual forum

Glens Falls, NY — ANCA’s annual Clean Energy Economy Conference returns to the Queensbury Hotel in Glens Falls on October 24-25, 2018. The annual forum attracts clean energy leaders from across northern New York and Vermont who are driving renewable energy adoption in the region.

This year’s conference focuses on “disruptive innovation” and will explore advancements affecting the region such as transportation and battery storage. The conference agenda includes special tracks for residential consumers, small businesses and industry professionals, as well as professional training opportunities that provide continuing education credits.

Hosted by the Adirondack North Country Association (ANCA) in collaboration with the Capital District Regional Planning Commission (CDRPC), the event is in its 7th year connecting energy leaders around clean energy issues and opportunities in northern New York.

“In our work with planners and consumers, we’re always trying to find a balance between pie-in-the-sky inspirational thinking and the boots-on-the-ground work that’s happening in the field,” said ANCA Energy Program Director Amanda Lavigne. “This year’s conference takes a look at some of the inspiring and transformative changes happening in the clean energy sector and how we might implement some of those innovations in our own communities.”

Wednesday’s keynote presentation will illuminate how recent changes in National Grid’s approach to balancing supply and demand is playing out in neighboring Massachusetts. The Northeast-based electric company is pairing utility-scale flow batteries with large-scale solar installations to create more efficient and responsive ways of storing and dispatching electricity for use in the grid.

The conference will also feature a screening of the documentary “Denial” and a follow-up discussion with the film’s writer and director, Derek Hallquist. The film follows the story of David (now Christine) Hallquist, CEO of a large electric utility company in Vermont, who transitions his company’s approach in

order to increase the capacity for renewable sources and promote a more reliable and sustainable energy production model.

CEEC attendees will also have the opportunity to meet with ANCA's Energy Circuit Riders (ECRs) for free energy consultations during the conference. ECRs will be available for one-on-one or small group consultations with residents, small businesses, municipal leaders and other project partners to discuss opportunities for project development, financing, implementation and partnerships. ECRs are field-based staff who work closely with municipalities to plan, finance and implement energy-saving upgrades to buildings and infrastructure as well as projects that focus on renewable energy technologies.

The conference also features an exhibitor showcase representing 20 regional businesses and organizations. SpacePak, a heating and cooling company based in western Massachusetts, will hold a raffle for a Solstice Extreme Unit. The high-efficiency air source heat pump has an approximate rebate value of \$7,000.

Admission to the event is \$125. Registration discounts are available for ANCA members, students, agricultural professionals, and school district and local government staff.

To learn more about the Clean Energy Economy Conference, view the agenda and register, visit the event website at https://adirondack.org/CEEC_Home or contact ANCA's Clean Energy Program Director Amanda Lavigne at alavigne@adirondack.org or 518.891.6200.

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