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AEIC's Meter & Service Committee will conduct a virtual committee meeting to discuss a bi-annual benchmarking survey of metering operations among member companies.

As a part of the regularly scheduled AEIC Meter & Service Committee's, face-to-face meetings shared with the EEI Metering Committee, AEIC's Meter & Service Committee conducts a three-hour roundtable discussion to examine metering operations at AEIC and EEI member companies.

The roundtable discussion is based on a survey that AEIC's Meter & Service Committee sends to both metering committees before each regular meeting. The results of the survey are then sent to both committees to prepare for a face-to-face roundtable discussion at the regular meeting.

When the regular AEIC/EEI meeting was canceled this spring due to COVID 19, the AEIC Committee elected to continue its work by initiating a new metering survey, to be followed by one or more virtual roundtable discussions.

The survey contained a total of 134 questions about all aspects of metering operations. Fourteen (14) companies provided answers based on their respective metering operations. Topics covered in the survey included safety and PPE regulation changes, the supply line for PPE, distributed generation interconnection and metering, AMI, and how it is changing the testing of meters, meter technician training and apprenticeship, organizational structure to support advanced metering, and the next generation of AMI.

"The AEIC metering survey and roundtable discussion provide both AEIC and EEI metering professionals the opportunity to benchmark and compare best practices of metering operations across our member companies," said Kerry Barnette, of Duke Energy, Chair of AEIC's Meter & Service Committee.

"Since we have been conducting the survey and roundtable for several years, it provides an ongoing way to benchmark regarding company's equipment, systems, metering organizations, and operating policies and practices", said Bob Ardren, of Minnesota Power, Committee Vice-Chair, who moderates the roundtable.

Companies participating in this spring's survey included Ameren Illinois, Georgia Power, OGE, Duke Energy, Alabama Power Company, Pepco Holdings, Inc., Hydro One, Florida Power & Light, Minnesota Power, Xcel Energy, Southern California Edison, Tampa Electric, American Electric Power, and Oncor.