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Central Hudson Gas & Electric Wins 2025 AEIC Achievement Award for Enhancing Crew Safety Through Automated Switching Safeguards

POUGHKEEPSIE, NY — November 6, 2025 — The [Association of Edison Illuminating Companies \(AEIC\)](#), the electric utility industry’s leading authority for operational excellence, announced today that [Central Hudson Gas & Electric](#) has received one of the Association’s 2025 Achievement Awards.

The AEIC Achievement Awards are presented annually to member companies who have clearly demonstrated significant contributions to advancing operational excellence in the electric utility industry.

Central Hudson was recognized for development of a new tagging mechanism within its Advanced Distribution Management System (ADMS) called “Crew on Site” that adds critical decision-making logic to automated switching plans by factoring in the locations of field crews. This tag serves two critical functions: it provides a clear visual indicator to control room operators of crew locations, and it blocks automated switching for electronic devices in the vicinity of those crews.

“The ‘Crew on Site’ tag is a simple, yet powerful, innovation that reinforces our commitment to safety without compromising grid functionality, said Eric Kiszkiel, VP Operations & Safety at Central Hudson. “As Central Hudson deploys automated switching, clearly communicating to front-line crews how their safety is ensured – while also improving system reliability – has been a critical component of change management.”

This innovative tagging process has strengthened trust between control room operators and field personnel, reinforcing a shared commitment to protecting life and property. This development, implementation, and communication of this tag to Central Hudson’s workforce, underscores the utility’s commitment to worker safety and has contributed to faster adoption and support from field personnel.

“Through this project, Central Hudson demonstrates how utilities can modernize infrastructure while upholding the highest standards of resilience and customer service,” said Steve Hauser, CEO, AEIC. “The success of this initiative reflects the kind of forward-thinking, collaborative approach that AEIC champions: technology and workforce safety aligned to deliver reliable, future-ready energy solutions.”

Central Hudson was presented with the award on Friday, November 6th at AEIC’s 141st Annual Meeting in Charleston, SC. To see a full list of 2025 AEIC Achievement Award recipients, visit <https://aeic.org/achievement-awards/>.

About AEIC

AEIC brings together the electric utility industry’s leading operations experts to rise to challenges, accelerate opportunities, and achieve excellence in all aspects of generation, transmission, distribution, and storage of electric power for the benefit of its members, the industry at large, and consumers, worldwide.

Founded by Thomas Edison and his associates in 1885, AEIC is the electric utility industry’s longest-serving and preeminent association. Today, AEIC’s members work closely together to share knowledge and provide guidance to the industry essential to achieving a modernized grid that delivers a secure energy future for all. To learn more about AEIC, its technical committees, and member companies, visit <https://aeic.org/>.

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