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Salt River Project Wins 2025 AEIC Achievement Award for Operational Readiness Program

Tempe, AZ— November 6, 2025 — The Association of Edison Illuminating Companies (AEIC), the electric utility industry’s leading authority for operational excellence, announced today that [Salt River Project](#) (SRP) 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.

SRP was recognized for its Operational Readiness (OpR) Program that enabled the company to add 2600 MW of inverter-based resources (IBRs) to a balancing authority with 8500MW summer peak and 3500MW springtime load.

“This OpR program began addressing challenges four years in advance so the transition to a highly variable renewable fleet would be a planned process rather than reactionary,” said Scott Anderson, Operational Readiness Director, SRP. “The more than 30 projects under the program included increasing operational flexibility, re-calculating reserve requirements due to increased variability, performing the first electromagnetic transient (EMT) studies, recommendations on IEEE 2800 adoption, and how to best utilize battery storage.”

Program successes include the creation of a new role, Unit Manager, to shepherd these new resources from inception through operation, improved solar forecasting, creating oscillation detection and mitigation operating practices, and optimizing regulation using batteries. In addition, the OpR program has poised SRP to respond to unexpected issues and has been replicated to address similar challenges with data center load growth.

“It is never easy to assemble diverse teams across an organization, but what SRP achieved is exactly the kind of cross-functional collaboration that is needed to integrate renewable energy at this scale and pace,” said Steve Hauser, CEO, AEIC. “I applaud Scott and his team for their vision in preparing for and successfully executing a wide range of projects that allowed SRP to continue to operate the system reliably as with significant amounts of inverter-based resources and to be well-positioned to address the challenges ahead to meet its goals for 2035.”

SRP was presented with the award on Thursday, 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.

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