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Company purchases two all-electric bucket trucks

Central Hudson is furthering its commitment to reducing carbon emissions by becoming one of the first utilities in the country to purchase two all-electric bucket trucks. Central Hudson is one of nine utilities in the nation to purchase these 55-foot trucks with delivery of the first unit expected in August and the second in November.

“Electric vehicles are the way of the future, and we can think of no better way to demonstrate their capabilities than to lead by example,” said Charles A. Freni, President and C.E.O. of Central Hudson Gas & Electric Corp. “As we survey opportunities to transition portions of our fleet to electric powered, these trucks offer a viable option for our heavy-duty vehicles. We look forward to putting these all-electric line trucks to use in our daily operations and are proud to be early adopters of this quickly evolving technology.”

The new trucks feature a two-battery system, one that charges the truck for a range of approximate-

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CENTRAL HUDSON RECOGNIZED FOR WINTER ICE STORM RECOVERY EFFORTS

Central Hudson received the Edison Electric Institute’s (EEI) Emergency Response Award for its outstanding storm recovery performance following Winter Storm Landon in February. Central Hudson was chosen by a panel of judges following an international nomination process, and the awards were presented during EEI’s Board and Chief Executives Meeting on June 21. This is the seventh Emergency Response Award received by Central Hudson.

“Over the past year, electric companies confronted severe storms and extreme weather events, including hurricanes, tornadoes, and winter storms,

that impacted customers and communities across the nation,” said EEI President Tom Kuhn. “Despite challenging conditions, Central Hudson and its employees worked around the clock to restore power safely and as quickly as possible following Winter Storm Landon. I congratulate and applaud Central Hudson and their employees for their continued dedication to the customers and communities that they serve, and I am honored to present them with this well-deserved award.”

“Winter Storm Landon brought heavy ice accumulations and caused

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ly 135-140 miles and another battery that powers the bucket system for 8-10 hours on a full charge. Central Hudson expects these trucks to save approximately 1,000 gallons of diesel fuel usage each year.

In addition to the all-electric trucks, Central Hudson has also purchased a total of four hybrid bucket trucks that use a battery system to operate the bucket and associated hydraulics instead of the diesel engine. The first two trucks were delivered in December 2021 and are already in service while the third and fourth trucks are expected to arrive in December 2022. These trucks will save approximately 500 gallons of diesel fuel each year and help eliminate carbon emissions by significantly reducing engine idle times.

Central Hudson plans to spend at least 10 percent of its annual vehicle capital budget on the procurement of fully electric or Battery Electric Vehicles (BEV) and/or Plug-in Hybrid Electric Vehicles (PHEV) through 2025 and up to 50 percent by 2030. Central Hudson's goal is to reach 10 percent fleet electrification by 2025 and 50 percent fleet electrification by 2030. In addition, Central Hudson will



Sharon McGinnis, Senior Vice President Human Resources & Safety at Central Hudson, left, joins Fortis President and CEO David Hutchens at a recent Edison Electric Institute conference in Orlando. Central Hudson is one of nine utilities in the nation to purchase these 55-foot trucks with delivery of the first unit expected in August and the second in November.

help facilitate the deployment of more than 3,200 level 2 and 69 direct current fast charges within the service area by the

end of 2025. To learn more about electric vehicles, incentives and more, visit www.CentralHudson.com/EVs. ✨

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tremendous damage in a relatively concentrated portion of our service area. Our dedicated staff, along with the help of the largest force of mutual aid in Central Hudson's history, engaged in an unprecedented restoration effort in adverse and hazardous conditions," said Charles A. Freni, President and CEO of Central Hudson. "Central Hudson takes service restoration efforts very seriously, so this recognition by our professional colleagues at EEI for our outstanding efforts truly is an honor."

Winter Storm Landon moved into the Hudson Valley on the morning of Feb. 4 as rain and began transitioning to ice in certain parts of the area as temperatures began to fall. The heaviest bands of

precipitation stalled over northern Ulster County, bringing radial ice accumulations of up to 0.6 inches in some areas, far exceeding forecasted impacts. Central Hudson fielded a response crew of nearly 950 line and tree professionals that included internal crews, local contractors, mutual aid from New York, Connecticut, Pennsylvania and Indiana along with the help of hundreds of employees in support roles to address nearly 1,375 individual damage locations and restore service to more than 67,400 impacted homes. Restoration efforts also included the distribution of approximately 30,000 pounds of dry ice and 1,900 cases of water to impacted customers.

Crews worked in sub-freezing condi-

tions following the storm to restore service to nearly 97 percent of customers by Sunday, Feb. 7, and completed storm repairs on Feb. 8.

Central Hudson previously received the EEI Emergency Response Award in 2021 following Tropical Storm Isaias; in 2018 for its efforts in restoring power following damaging twin nor'easters Riley and Quinn; in 2015 in response to a 2014 Thanksgiving nor'easter; in 2013 in recognition of its recovery efforts during Hurricane Sandy in 2012; in 2012 for recovery efforts following a severe snow storm in October 2011; and in 2011 for restoration efforts following a major snow storm in February 2010, the most severe in the utility's history. ✨