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**Understanding Energy Storage Webinar March 31
Market Drivers, Technologies, and Community Considerations**

WATERTOWN, NEW YORK – The Tug Hill Commission is hosting an free webinar, **Understanding Energy Storage: Market Drivers, Technologies, and Community Considerations**, on Tuesday, March 31 from 6 to 8 p.m. Supported by subject matter experts from the New York State Energy Research and Development Authority (NYSERDA), Sandia National Laboratories, and the Electric Power Research Institute (EPRI), this program will address key topics of interest to local governments and communities in the region, including:

- Energy storage drivers in NY (including energy markets, policies, and programs)
- Introductions to relevant energy storage technologies
- Overview of critical planning and zoning considerations
- Fire safety and incident management

There will be plenty of time for questions and answers at the end of the webinar, facilitated by Tug Hill Commission staff. Register at tinyurl.com/TugHillEnergyStorage.

Speakers will include: **Ian Latimer**, Program Manager with NYSERDA's Clean Energy Siting team, where he works directly with local governments, local and regional planners, and other stakeholders to pursue responsible clean energy deployment; **Dr. Ramesh Koripella** from Sandia National Laboratories, technical expert on battery and hydrogen storage technologies for grid storage; and **Erin Minear and Dr. Stephanie Shaw** from EPRI, where research focuses on safety, reliability, affordability and environmental impacts of energy storage.

The New York State Tug Hill Commission is a non-regulatory state agency charged with helping local governments, organizations, and citizens shape the future of the region, especially its environment and economy. The commission uses a grassroots approach to build local capacity and provide technical assistance in land use planning, community development, and natural resource management.

Helping local governments and citizens shape the future of the Tug Hill region.