



IDEA Northeast District Energy Summit

December 3 | Optional East River Tour

Kick off the Summit with an optional behind-the-scenes tour of the Con Edison East River Generating Station. Morning and afternoon tour options are available. Additional fees apply.

EAST RIVER GENERATING STATION TOUR

Meeting Location: 801 East 14th Street, New York, NY 10009
(Blue Security Gate at the northeast corner of Avenue C and East 14th Street).

Experience one of the world's largest district steam systems through an exclusive guided tour of the East River Generating Station. Each tour includes a safety briefing, facility overview presentation, guided walking tour, and debrief.

Morning Tour – 9:30 am - 11:45 am	Afternoon Tour – 1:15 pm – 3:30 pm
9:30 am – Meet at East River Station	1:15 pm – Meet at East River Station
9:45 am – Welcome, Safety briefing & PPE distribution	1:30–1:45 pm – Welcome, Safety briefing & PPE distribution
10:00–11:30 am – Rotating Plant Tour & Overview Presentation	1:45–3:15 pm – Rotating Plant Tour & Overview Presentation
11:30–11:45 am – Debrief	3:15–3:30 pm – Debrief

Capacity: 30 participants per tour.

December 4 | District Energy as a Decarbonization Solution Summit

Con Edison Headquarters | 4 Irving Place, New York City – 19th Floor

The principal intent for this workshop is to continue the promotion of clean district energy systems across the Northeast region to achieve affordability, environmental, efficiency and economic objectives. The workshop format will encourage active dialogue and enable peer exchange while harvesting real world experience of industry professionals. A working knowledge of technologies, policies and regulatory frameworks is assumed. Refreshments, coffee breaks, light luncheon and closing reception are included for all attendees.

Summit Program	
7:00 am	Registration Open – 4 Irving Place - 1 st Floor Security Area
7:00 am – 7:55 am	Networking Breakfast – Coffee & Continental Breakfast – 19 th Floor Cafeteria & Auditorium
8:00 am – 8:10 am	Welcome to NYC and Con Edison Headquarters – Auditorium, 19 th Floor – Frank A. Cuomo, Con Edison
8:10 am – 8:20 am	Outline Agenda and Purpose for the Summit – Rob Thornton, IDEA

8:15 am – 9:30 am	Session 1: Decarbonization at Scale: District Energy in the Northeast
	District energy systems can help to accelerate decarbonization, reduce greenhouse gas emissions at a community scale, and offer a way to relieve stress on the electric grid. This panel will focus on energy transition opportunities in the Northeast, including impact on the grid, environmental objectives, and issues of energy affordability.
9:30 am – 10:30 am	Session 2: Affordable Decarbonization: Success Stories from the Field
	How are district energy providers moving from ambitious clean energy goals to practical, cost-effective implementation? This session will feature real-world examples of system decarbonization and highlight how collaboration with legislators, utilities, regulators, customers, and other stakeholders has helped turn plans into measurable progress. Panelists will share lessons learned and strategies that may be applied across the region.
10:30 am – 10:45 am	Refreshment Break
10:45 am – 12:00 pm	Session 3: The Customer View
	Building owners and energy users face increasing pressure to meet ambitious emissions targets while balancing cost, reliability, operational performance, and long-term planning. In this session, customers and their consultants will discuss the strategies they are using to meet clean energy requirements, the factors shaping their energy decisions, and the role district energy can play in supporting their goals. The conversation will include customer perspectives on innovative applications such as using district steam to produce chilled water.
12:00 pm – 1:00 pm	Workshop Luncheon – 19th floor Cafeteria
1:05 pm – 2:15 pm	Session 4: Thermal Energy Networks: From Policy to Implementation
	Thermal energy networks are gaining momentum as states and utilities explore new approaches to building decarbonization and clean thermal energy delivery. This session will provide updates on current thermal energy network projects, utility pilots, and enabling legislation, with a focus on early results and implementation experience. Panelists will examine what these initiatives are revealing about technology, customer participation, regulation, scalability, and the evolving role of utilities.
2:15 pm – 3:00 pm	Session 5: Carrots and Sticks: Policy and Regulatory Framework for District Energy
	What policy and regulatory changes are needed for district energy to compete fully as a clean energy solution? Policy experts, utility representatives, customers, and real estate stakeholders will examine how existing requirements, incentives, and regulatory structures affect district energy investment and adoption. The discussion will identify opportunities to remove barriers, recognize the value of shared thermal infrastructure, and better incorporate district energy into state and local decarbonization strategies.
3:00 pm – 3:15 pm	Closing Remarks
3:15 pm – 5:00 pm	Networking Reception – 19th Floor Cafeteria & Auditorium