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**CP PLASTICS GROUP, INC.
QUALIFIES FOR
BPU ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT RATE**

Wally Haase, P.E., General Manager of the Board of Public Utilities announced that CP Plastics Group, Inc., a plastic injection molding company, located on Lyndon Boulevard in Falconer has qualified for the BPU Economic Development Rate for Service Class #3 electric customers.

The company was founded in Erie, PA in the 1970s and moved to Falconer in 1997. Since that time, company sales have doubled with 50% sales from outside Chautauqua County and 40% of those sales outside New York State. The company is operating three shifts and employs between 15 and 20 employees.

Marcus Turner, CP Plastics Group President stated, "With international competition from China and other overseas countries, we need to develop new business in product areas that are not likely to go overseas. We believe large and bulky parts and parts that contain two types of plastic represent niche product areas that are more likely to remain with the United States." To that purpose, CP Plastics is in the process of acquiring a 500 Ton injection molding press and a 150 Ton 2-shot injection molding press.

Haase stated, "This utility is pleased to be in a position to help CP Plastics Group, Inc. continue to not only grow as a company but to grow jobs in Chautauqua County as well by utilizing our Economic Development Rates."

According to the eligibility guidelines, CP Plastics must have an additional or incremental electric load of at least 100 kilowatts of monthly demand. They must have maintained a monthly load factor of 50%, based on the company's demand for one year immediately prior to applying for the economic development rate.

They will receive graduated reductions in their incremental billing demand charge (\$3.00 per kilowatt) for a 3 year period amounting to 75% the first 12 months; 50% the second 12 months; and 25% the third 12 months.

If the company's load factor falls below 50% for three consecutive months during the agreement, the company will no longer qualify for the rate reduction. In addition, the economic development rate will only be available if the added electric load of the company is at least 100 kilowatts of monthly peak demand above the stated base billing peak demand.

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