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BPU UTILIZES GAS TURBINE FOR ENERGY SALES

The Board of Public Utilities has entered into a two-year agreement with Energy Services, Inc. (WPS) of Green Bay, Wisconsin, which will pay the BPU a monthly rate to have its gas turbine generator “on-call” to provide 40 megawatts (MW) of electricity when WPS requests it.

The gas turbine was installed at the BPU in 2003, prior to the high increase in gas prices. It is used by the BPU as a fast-start in emergency situations.

When WPS requires the gas turbine to operate, not only will the company pay a monthly rate, but also, WPS will be responsible for providing the natural gas and a \$5.50 MW operating cost to the BPU.

BPU General Manager Walter A. Haase explained, “This agreement with WPS is another example of how the gas turbine provides a financial return to the community for investment in the gas turbine. We continuously look for ways to maximize the use and profitability of the gas turbine.”

WPS Energy Services is an active trader and marketer of electricity and Natural gas in New York State. As part of this agreement, the BPU Will enter into transaction confirmations for gas purchase and Electricity sales with WPS.