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## **NEWS RELEASE: for immediate release**

**The Board of Public Utilities' LM6000 turbine engine was returned to the utility this weekend from General Electric's repair facility in Houston, TX.**

**Crews from General Electric and employees of Hohl Industrial, GE's mechanical contractor, are on site to remove the loaner engine and install the BPU's new engine.**

**The LM6000 has been plagued with a vibration problem since originally installed in September 2001. GE returned the engine to its testing facilities in Houston in November and subsequently replaced the low pressure turbine and low pressure compressor. Additional work was performed on the high pressure turbine as well.**

**Kyle Joesel, Associate Power Plant Supervisor, indicated, "Extensive work has been completed on the BPU engine and that cost has been born entirely by General Electric." Joesel went on to say, "We essentially have a brand new engine which surpassed new production specifications when it was performance tested in Houston last Monday."**

**Upon completion of the installation, the BPU engine is expected to be commissioned and operational by March 9.**

**General Electric provided a loaner engine to the BPU at no charge except for a maintenance fee paid when the engine is actually running. All other costs to remove, ship, repair, and return the engine have been paid by GE as well. General Electric has also agreed to extend the warranty, with terms of that agreement still being negotiated.**

**While the engines are being changed, the BPU is meeting all generation needs with its coal plant. Kyle Joesel said, "We will be happy to have the original engine in place."**