



PO Box 700
Jamestown, NY 14702-0700

ELECTRIC
DISTRICT HEAT
WATER
WASTEWATER
SOLID WASTE

NEWS RELEASE: For release June 23, 2005

BPU GENERAL MANAGER ELECTED TO NATIONAL AMERICAN PUBLIC POWER ASSOCIATION BOARD

Walter W. Haase, P.E., General Manager of the Jamestown Board of Public Utilities was elected to the Board of Directors of the American Public Power Association (APPA) at its recent Annual Meeting in Anaheim, California.

The APPA is a national organization for more than 2000 of the nation's community-owned electric utilities serving more than 43 million Americans. It was created in 1940 (the Jamestown BPU is a charter member of the organization) as a nonprofit and nonpartisan organization. The association provides a wide range of services in the areas of government relations, engineering and operations, accounting and finance, consumer services, energy resources and development, public information, education, management and communications.

Governed by a regionally representative policy-making Board of Directors, thirty members of the Board are elected by the membership for staggered three-year terms. Regularly elected board members may serve a maximum of two terms. The board annually elects its association officers from among those currently serving as directors or those who have served at least one term previously as a director.

Haase officially took over the helm of the City's utilities on January 25, 2000 having been attracted to the utility position because of the diversity of the BPU and its five divisions. A licensed professional engineer in both Illinois and North Carolina, Haase is a Chicago-area native and a 1988 graduate of the University of Illinois, with a bachelor's degree in Electrical Engineering. He worked for two years as a project manager for Hyre Electric Company of Chicago and was then employed for seven years as Electric Superintendent for the St. Charles, Illinois Municipal Electric Utility. While working in St. Charles, Haase earned his Master's Degree in Business Administration from the Keller Graduate School of Business Management in 1997. From November, 1997 to January 2000, he was the Assistant Public Utilities Director for the Rocky Mount, North Carolina Public Utilities, where he was responsible for the electric and natural gas divisions.

Haase arrived at the Jamestown BPU as the utility faced its largest capital investment project ever with a planned budget of \$40,000,000. The project included the installation of a gas turbine with a heat recovery steam generator, a new 34.5 kV to 13.8 kV substation, a new 13.8 kV to 34.5 kV substation, and the construction of two new 34.5 kV subtransmission lines. Prior to his arrival, the project was running significantly overbudget and behind schedule. Under his direction, the project was successfully completed on time and \$1.5 million under budget.

In addition, Haase settled a lawsuit begun in the early 1990s, over rates the New York Power Authority (NYPA) charged its municipal customers for hydroelectric power, which resulted in a \$7.5 million refund for the Jamestown BPU. He also negotiated the refund of \$660,000 as a result of incorrect billing demand

used by (National Grid) Niagara Mohawk Power Corp. (NMPC). Haase renegotiated an agreement with NMPC and NYPA regarding transmission service, switching the BPU to the NYISO Open Access Transmission tariff, which will result in a net savings of \$3,687,497 over the remaining six years of the agreement. In May 2003, Haase signed a new Global settlement agreement with the NYPA which resulted in a 12-year extension of the BPU hydropower contract estimated to provide a \$168 million economic benefit to the BPU customer base. In addition, the NYPA agreed to pay for some of the ancillary services of the NYISO resulting in a \$300,000 annual savings for the BPU customers.

The Jamestown BPU also provides water, district heating and cooling, wastewater and solid waste services. Haase has instituted several measures to improve, expand, and regionalize the services it provides. Under his direction, the BPU created a District Cooling system; leased "dark fiber" to the Jamestown Public School system, a private telecommunication provider, the County and several private businesses; expanded the utility's water and wastewater services to several neighboring communities; agreed to provide wastewater treatment services to a neighboring PUD, the County and a County in Pennsylvania; and provided wholesale energy to four key industrial customers in the County.

Haase is also a founding member and Executive Board member of the New York Association of Public Power (NYAPP) in addition to serving on its Government Affairs Committee.

Today, Haase is leading the Jamestown BPU and its 160 employees towards the possible construction of a new \$145 million, 40 megawatt circulating fluidized bed power plant and new Operations Center (offices, warehouse and garages) that will continue to provide Jamestown with reliable, low cost power well into the 21st century.