

BPU BOARD EXTENDS COMMENT PERIOD FOR DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT

The BPU extended the public comment period for the Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the Clean Coal Project until January 19, 2007. The DEIS has already been the subject of two public meetings and a public comment period of 58 days; the BPU is providing a 29-day extension to the public comment period.

The DEIS was first issued in October, 2006. The DEIS describes the environmental benefits of the Clean Coal Project, including that the new plant would reduce sulfur dioxide emissions per unit of energy produced by more than 94%, nitrogen oxide emissions by about 86% and mercury emissions by about 95%. The new CFB Plant also would reduce carbon dioxide emissions by about 20% on an energy output basis, as compared to the existing coal-fired plant. This exceeds the reductions in both the Kyoto Protocol agreement (7%) and the Northeastern States Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative (10%).

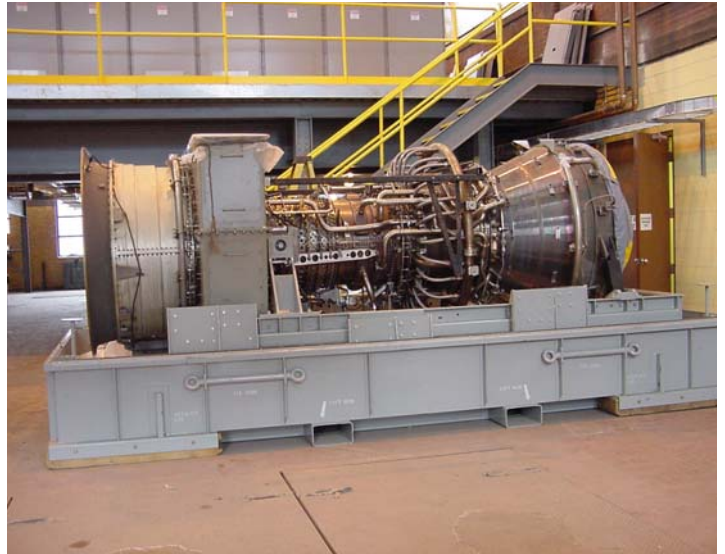
The BPU has provided for public comment on the Clean Coal Project under the State Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQR) since November, 2004. During that time, the BPU has prepared three scoping documents regarding the Clean Coal Project identifying topics to be covered in the DEIS and solicited public comment by conducting four public scoping meetings as well as 40 public informational meetings. These public comments were reviewed and considered in preparing the DEIS.

The BPU has exceeded SEQR requirements for DEIS public comment. The BPU has held two public hearings, and will be providing 80 days for public comment.

General Manager Walter Haase explained that the extension will provide the public "with an additional opportunity to provide comment on the DEIS. Further it reflects the comments we received from the public on this issue. While some people requested an extension, others were concerned about the cost implications of an extension. The BPU has balanced these interests in extending the comment period until January 19, 2007."

Comments on the DEIS may be mailed to the Communications Coordinator, Board of Public Utilities, P.O. Box 700, 92 Steele Street, Jamestown, NY 14702-0700.

BPU UTILIZES GAS TURBINE FOR ENERGY SALES



The BPU has entered into a two-year agreement with WPS Energy Services, Inc. of Green Bay, Wisconsin. WPS will pay the BPU a monthly fee to have the BPU gas turbine "on call" to provide 40 megawatts of electricity when WPS requests it. When WPS actually requires the turbine to operate, the company will provide the natural gas needed and a \$5.50 per megawatt cost to the BPU, in addition to the monthly fee.

The gas turbine was installed at the BPU in 2003, before gas prices skyrocketed. The BPU uses it in emergency situations or when electricity prices rise sharply.

"We have worked well with WPS in the past year," explained BPU General Manager Walter Haase. "The agreement exemplifies 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."

BPU HELPS COMPANY GROW

Jones-Carroll Inc. is getting help from the BPU. The company has qualified for Economic Development Rider 1 for Service Class 3 electric customers and for Rider 5 for line extension and economic assistance.

The company built an 18,000 square foot all-metal building with attached office, to house a new recycling (baling) center in Chautauqua County. The recycling processing center will be centrally located within a mile of the County's transfer station.

Jones-Carroll provides waste disposal, collection and recycling services for residential, commercial, industrial and construction customers. It has serviced customers in Chautauqua and Cattaraugus Counties and in Northwestern Pennsylvania since 1990. Jones-Carroll will be a new customer located on Lodestro Lane in the Town of Ellicott, in the Dow Street Industrial Park.

BPU General Manager Walter Haase stated, "The planned growth of Jones-Carroll is great news for the community and we are pleased to help the company with our Economic Development rates."

Don't forget you can pay your taxes at the BPU Customer Service Offices, Monday-Friday between 7:00 am and 5:30 pm!

CITY OFFERS TAX ABATEMENTS FOR HOME ADDITIONS OR NEW HOME CONSTRUCTION



Jamestown property owners who have built a residential dwelling for their primary residence valued at \$30,000 or more, are offered a Residential Investment Exemption for a period of ten years by the city of Jamestown and the Jamestown City and Enlarged School District.

The amount of the increased assessment due to the new construction is exempted at 50% for the first year of taxes. The exemption then reduces by five percent annually until, at the end of the 10th year, the exemption expires. To inquire if you qualify or to receive an application to apply for the exemption, contact the City of Jamestown Assessor's Office at 483-7510.

In addition, the City of Jamestown offers the Home Improvement Exception for a span of eight years to property owners who own a one or two-family residence that has been reconstructed, altered or improved. The amount of the increased assessment for the reconstruction (which must exceed \$3,000) is totally exempt for the first year of taxes. The exemption then reduces by 12.5% each year until the exemption expires at the end of eight years. Again, the City of Jamestown Assessor's Office is the place to contact at 483-7510 to ask if a property qualifies and to obtain an application.

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### FREE INCOME TAX HELP IS COMING

Working, income-eligible taxpayers may receive free income tax assistance between January 27 and April 12, thanks to the Chautauqua County Income Tax Coalition. Trained, IRS-certified volunteers act as tax-preparers, with a focus on helping income-eligible people file their returns and claim the Earned Income Tax Credit. Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) returns are filed electronically with refunds received by taxpayers in as little as ten days. Information about eligibility, income guidelines, required documents, site dates and times, is available by calling the United Way First Call for Help toll free at 1-866-733-3748.



**WE LIKE YOUR TYPE!  
JOIN US FOR A  
RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE  
AT THE BPU**

**Feb. 1, 2007 10am-3pm  
92 Steele Street  
Light lunch for donors!**

Did you know? The average adult open-heart patient needs 2-6 units of red blood cells, 2-4 units of plasma and 1-10 units of platelets during surgery.

## AREA COLLEGE STUDENTS LEARN WHAT OUR AREA HAS TO OFFER



BPU Communications Coordinator Sue Jones speaks with students Amanda and Pat at a recent luncheon hosted by the Chautauqua Region Community Foundation and the Robert H. Jackson Center for area college and professional students. The event has been held for the past three years to promote the greater Jamestown area and to encourage students to consider returning to our community after graduation.

Participating organizations included: Time Warner Cable; Peak 'n Peek; Spectrum Eyecare; Chautauqua Works; WCA Hospital; The Resource Center; Key Bank; Jamestown Area Medical Associates; The Heritage Group of Homes; Buffamante, Whipple, Buttafaro; Cummins Engine; Lutheran Social Services; Chautauqua County Industrial Development Agency; the BPU; the City of Jamestown; the Jamestown Chamber of Commerce; the Morton Club; and Ed Shults Auto Group.



### STREET LIGHTS

The Board of Public Utilities has more than 1,000 street lights in its franchise territory... and that's not counting many more off-street security and parking lot lights.

We need your help...when you see a light either flashing on and off (cycling or telling you it is reaching the end of its useful life) or off entirely after dark, please report it to us so we may schedule it for repair.

You may report a street light outage to the BPU Customer Service at 661-1660 or you may report the outage on line at [www.jamestownbpu.com](http://www.jamestownbpu.com).

Whichever way you choose, please give a detailed description of the location of the light, preferably including the 5-digit pole number for the light.

When a street light is reported as out, it is entered into a schedule to be repaired. It may take several weeks depending on the number of street lights currently out.



The BPU's Bob Howe and Bob Sischo loaded Christmas gifts for delivery to the Salvation Army. BPU employees contributed and purchased gifts to make the holidays happier for a large, local family.