

DAVID LEATHERS NAMED INTERIM GENERAL MANAGER, PETERSON GIVEN ADDITIONAL DUTIES UPON RESIGNATION OF BPU GM WALTER HAASE



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Board members of the Jamestown Board of Public Utilities announced the unexpected resignation of BPU General Manager Walter W. Haase effective immediately to pursue other opportunities.

A search for Haase's replacement will begin immediately. In the transition period, Deputy General Managers David Leathers and Randall Peterson will assume management responsibility for the organization.

Leathers has been named Interim General Manager and will have direct responsibility for the Electric Division. Peterson will continue his long-time role in overseeing the remaining four divisions of water, waste water, solid waste and district heat/chilling.

In announcing Haase's departure, BPU Board Chair John Zabrodsky stated that, "Although this change is regretful and unexpected, I want to assure the community that the situation is manageable. Strong organizations such as the BPU have the ability to manage and even embrace change. The BPU management and staff are the best in the business. We are extremely confident that we can continue to deliver our products and services with the excellence our community has come to expect."

"With Wally's departure, I am sure community members may question the Board's commitment to the Circulating Fluidized Bed (CFB) Clean Coal Project," continued Zabrodsky. "We want to emphasize that there is a strong team of BPU staff members, professional consultants and engineers working on the CFB project at the BPU, directed by David Leathers. The departure of the General Manager will not delay that continuing work, and the Board is dedicated to the Clean Coal Project."

Mayor Sam Teresi added, "With Board leadership, and the help of BPU Management and Staff, Wally Haase has helped to position the BPU to maintain our more than 100-year organization as a leader in the municipal electric business providing cost-effective and reliable utility service to our customers. We wish Wally and his family well and thank him for the outstanding service and leadership he has provided to the BPU."

Haase was hired as BPU General Manager on January 28, 2000. During his BPU tenure, the organization completed many initiatives and realized strategic goals such as the expansion of water and wastewater services to additional communities in the region. Other Haase successes included the completion and start-up of a 40 megawatt gas turbine combined cycle generating unit initiated by his predecessor

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EPA Grants Preliminary Approval for BPU Clean Coal Project: Draft Federal Air Permit Issued for Comment

Federal officials with the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) have delivered good news to the Jamestown Board of Public Utilities (BPU) regarding BPU plans to build a new Circulating Fluidized Bed (CFB) Clean Coal power plant on its Steele Street site.

On April 25th, the EPA made a preliminary determination to approve the BPU's Prevention of Significant Deterioration (PSD) air permit for the CFB project, bringing the new plant one step closer to reality. The draft air permit is now available for public review and comment from the EPA.

The EPA air permit addresses controls for particulate matter and carbon monoxide emissions. The BPU will be using "best available control technology" to ensure these emissions remain low. Controls will include enclosures, dust suppression and fabric filters for particulate matter, and good combustion practices for carbon monoxide. Other air emissions will be addressed in a separate state air permit which will be issued by the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC).

The EPA air permit is one of the major regulatory approvals the BPU needs before construction of the Clean Coal Project.

BPU Chair John Zabrodsky commented, saying, "This preliminary approval of the EPA PSD air permit is an important milestone. This positive step validates the work and due-diligence of the staff and the board, regarding all that has occurred in the past three years of study and

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James Gronquist. The BPU collaborated with Chautauqua County on a dedicated leachate line from the County landfill in Ellery to the BPU Waste Water plant Jamestown.

The expansion of the BPU district heating system and creation of a district cooling system occurred during Haase's leadership. He led the BPU in expanding and commercializing dark fiber optic high speed communications media. He spear-headed numerous environmental, recycling and energy conservation projects for BPU operations.

Under Haase's direction, the BPU's five business units deployed a strategic planning process through its entire management group.

Also during Haase's tenure, the BPU in 2003 was able to secure a contract extension with the New York Power Authority (NYPA) for supply of hydropower until 2025. This negotiation will save BPU customers more than \$150,000,000 over the life of the contract.

"We are sorry to see Wally Haase leave the BPU," repeated Zabrodsky. "At the same time, I wish to reiterate that Mr. Haase's departure will not deter the Board from the strategic initiative of the CFB Clean Coal Project. The CFB remains the Board's and the organization's unquestioned top priority."

"The Clean Coal Project continues to represent the most economical path to solving our community's energy demands into the foreseeable future. The project also will demonstrate significant environmental improvements over the current BPU coal generating facilities and will provide a potential platform for other emerging technologies," noted Zabrodsky.

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public meetings. Please be assured that the Board will continue the communications process with the community and interested parties."

"This is obviously a major positive step in the long process of establishing the feasibility of and moving this very significant project forward," commented Jamestown City Mayor Sam Teresi.

"I would like to offer my congratulations and compliments to the BPU Board, staff, project development team and community supporters, who have been working so hard over the past five years on this investment in our region's energy, environmental and economic future."

Public comments on the EPA air permit will be accepted by the EPA. Public comments should be addressed to:

U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
Region II
Air Programs Branch
290 Broadway
NY, NY 10007
Attention: Mr. Steven Riva

The draft air permit is available from this EPA Office.

The BPU also is involved in the separate State Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQRA) process regarding the project. The Draft Environmental Statement (DEIS) concerning the project was closed to public comment on January 19, 2007, after a lengthy schedule of public meetings and hearings.

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Jamestown BPU Water Voted Best-Tasting in County

The Board of Public Utilities' water has been voted "Best Tasting Water" in Chautauqua County.

The award was announced in May, after 100 people participated in a blind taste test of water from six municipal Chautauqua County systems at Chautauqua Mall. As Chautauqua County's newly-crowned best tasting water, samples of Jamestown water will compete in the Western New York regional water tasting contest, which will be held in July. Regional winners will then compete in the statewide contest in Syracuse.

The last time Jamestown water won the county-wide competition was in 1994. That year, the city's water went on to the statewide contest and was judged the best tasting water in New York State.

YARD WASTE SITE NOW OPEN WEDNESDAYS AND SATURDAYS



The Fluvanna Avenue Yard Waste Site will open to receive yard waste, weather permitting, *now on Wednesdays from 4 — 7 p.m.* as well as Saturdays from 9 a.m. — 1 p.m.

Free mulch once again is available for the taking for those people with their own containers.

The BPU sells brown Yard Waste Bags at a cost of four bags for \$10 — *the price includes home pickup of the bags when full.* Bags are available at the BPU Customer Service Department, open weekdays from 7 a.m. — 5:30 p.m., 92 Steele Street.



THE BPU ACCEPTS DONATIONS FOR ITS CUSTOMER ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (CAP)

The CAP program helps qualified residential customers (who do not receive any other assistance) with their utility expenses no matter the time of year.

Add your donation to the amount of your monthly bill or, if you are on Balanced Billing or Electronic Pay, a separate check made out to the BPU CAP will be gratefully appreciated. Be sure to check the CAP donation box on your bill stub in order for your donation to be credited. Otherwise, excess funds submitted will be credited to your bill.

Applications to receive CAP funds may be made at the Salvation Army.