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**Jamestown Board of Public Utilities (BPU) General Manager David Leathers
Elected Third Vice President/Secretary of
New York Association of Public Power**

The New York Association of Public Power (NYAPP) members elected Jamestown BPU General Manager David L. Leathers to the NYAPP Executive Board as the Third Vice President/Secretary of the Association at its recent annual meeting in Glens Falls, New York.

NYAPP is a statewide organization comprised of municipal and cooperative electric utilities that represent approximately 46 percent of the municipal customers in New York State that are served by public power. NYAPP is an active participant in policy dialogues in Albany and Washington, routinely monitoring legislative and regulatory activities that could impact NYAPP utility customers and communities. The group develops programs that assist members in promoting economic growth, energy conservation and energy management. In addition, NYAPP provides programs for its members that foster the development of personnel and encourage a safe work environment.

The NYAPP Executive Board plays an essential role in the analysis of pending policy developments and the determination of priorities for the Association. NYAPP President, Paul Pallas, the Superintendent of the Rockville Center Utility said, "Dave Leathers is joining the NYAPP Executive Board at a critical time. Dave's planning and management skills, along with his experience, provide the NYAPP Board with expertise critical to support the efforts necessary to meet the challenges and advance the opportunities facing our public utilities in the coming year."

"I am gratified to join the NYAPP Executive Board," stated Leathers, "especially at a time when the Board of Public Utilities finds itself at the forefront of progressing Oxy-Coal technology. I am looking forward to contributing to New York State energy policy decisions by working with our NYAPP members. We are certainly in a very important and dynamic period related to the field of energy."

Leathers is the General Manager of the Jamestown BPU, having served at the utility since December, 2005, when he was named Deputy General Manager, responsible for business development, key projects management and

implementation of strategic plans for all five divisions of the company. He is the project leader for the BPU's proposed Oxy-Coal power plant project.

A Jamestown native, the General Manager is a graduate of Jamestown High School and the State University of New York at Buffalo. He also earned a Masters of Science in Manufacturing Management from the General Motors Institute in Flint, Michigan. In Jamestown, Leathers formerly held leadership positions at Cummins, Inc. and at Valeo where he worked as General Manager.