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**Jamestown Board of Public Utilities (BPU) and City Council to Hold Ward
Meetings to Explain Proposed Power Plant Project:
*Ward 1 Meeting Set for October 1 at Ring School***

The Jamestown BPU and City Council are joining together to hold informational meetings in City Wards to explain the power plant project. The first meeting is set for 6:30 – 8:30 p.m. on Wednesday, October 1, at C.C. Ring Elementary School on Buffalo Street. Ward 1 Councilman Steve Szwejbka will host the session.

The Ward meetings will be open to anyone, but will be scheduled throughout the City Wards for the convenience of the residents. The meetings will take place over the coming year.

“The power plant project has been enhanced since the original Circulating Fluidized Bed (CFB) coal plant was proposed in 2003,” notes Jamestown City Council President Gregory P. Rabb. “Oxy-coal technology, if demonstrated in Jamestown, will make a big difference in our area in terms of the environment, jobs, taxes and low-cost reliable power.”

“The Oxy-Coal power plant would be the first clean coal project of its type in the nation,” says Jamestown Mayor Sam Teresi. “As Governor Paterson asked when he came to Jamestown in June, we need to ask ourselves, ‘Why NOT Jamestown as the birthplace of clean coal technology?’ We need to realize that it *could* happen here with the potential of amazing environmental benefits worldwide and tremendous economic development benefits for Jamestown and the entire Western New York region.”

Jamestown BPU General Manager David Leathers states that the original CFB power plant project would have been better environmentally than the current Samuel A. Carlson Municipal Light Plant. However, as the permitting process progressed, the BPU sought improved environmental solutions to resolve the replacement of the aging power plant.

“We found the Praxair company in nearby Tonawanda, NY, which was looking for a place to put its Oxy-Coal technology to work,” says Leathers. “We have joined with a mostly Western New York group of companies to demonstrate this technology which could result in the generation of \$900 million in annual economic impact and 3,500 new jobs in New York State.”

“The Jamestown Project most importantly,” explains BPU Board Chair John Zabrodsky, “continues to give us the ability to generate power here at home, in addition to the green power we already receive from Niagara Falls and to continue the BPU’s tradition of local, reliable power.”

Appearing to help explain the project at the first session will be Dante Bonaquist and Rick Victor of Praxair; George Rusk and Robert Singer of Ecology & Environment; and University at Buffalo Dean of Engineering and Applied Sciences Harvey Stenger. Leathers and City officials will participate.

“The scientists appearing at the Ward Meeting on October 1 can explain the process in a simple, easy-to-understand manner,” says Leathers. “We hope Ward 1 residents as well as other interested community members will take this opportunity to learn more about the project.”

In addition to the series of Ward meetings, the City Strategic Planning Commission also will hold forums on the project in the coming months. In addition, at a later date, the BPU will schedule meetings as part of the public State Environmental Quality Review (SEQR) process.