



Empire Generating Project Newsletter *April 2009*

Construction continues on The Empire Generating Project (Empire Gen), the 635 net Megawatt (MW) combined cycle natural gas fired power plant located at 75 Riverside Avenue in Rensselaer, NY.

Construction work currently being done at the Project Site includes the erection of the switchyard, the setting of the combustion turbine on the foundations, and the construction of the cooling tower.

Work on the 345 kV transmission line is also well underway. Approximately sixteen transmission structures have been erected. The installation of foundations for the remaining structures is also ongoing.

The gas lateral is approximately 60% complete, with approximately three miles of pipe already laid underground. The gas pipeline is scheduled to be completed by mid to late June.

The Empire Citizens Committee will meet this month and will continue to meet on a quarterly basis, or more often if needed, during construction to discuss any issues of concern related to the Project.

As always, the Community Liaison Program (CLP) can be found on the Project Website located at www.firstlightpower.com. The website also provides the email address and phone number for the Project's Community Liaison Office, Jim Ginnetti, so that interested visitors to the site can easily contact him with any questions or concerns.

Empire Gen also continues to hold regular office hours at 152 Broadway in Rensselaer Tuesdays from 9 A.M. to 1 P.M. and Thursdays from Noon until 6 P.M. Visitors should feel free to stop by and ask any questions they may have about the Project.

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