



Empire Generating Project Newsletter
July 2009

Construction has continued this summer 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 on the cooling tower was recently completed as was installation of the switchyard. Ongoing work includes construction on the steam turbine, the combustion turbine, and the heat recovery steam generator as well as installation of power distribution centers and auxiliary transformers.

Work on the 345 kV transmission line is approximately 90% complete. About 70 transmission structures have been erected, along with their corresponding foundations. Additional work to be completed includes the final line pulls, substation testing and energizing the line.

The gas lateral has been completed, with pressure checking finishing during the final weekend of July. Foundation and site preparation work has also commenced for the gas metering station.

The Empire Citizens Committee met in July 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.

A copy of the entire 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 (CLO), Jim Ginnetti, so that interested visitors to the site can easily contact him with any questions or concerns. Please note that the *new* e-mail address for the CLO is Empire-Generating-Co-LLC@gdfsuezna.com.

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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