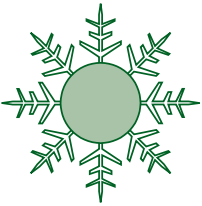


A Message from the General Manager



During the past few months I have had the opportunity to speak to many groups in Hingham about the Hingham Municipal Lighting Plant and the electric industry in general. What has surprised me during these meetings has been the number of folks who do not understand the operation of the Light Plant and the benefits of public power. Massachusetts public power systems, like Hingham Light, are public service institutions, created under Massachusetts General Law Chapter 164, owned by their consumers and governed locally by an elected citizen board. The Board makes decisions in open public meetings, with consumer input and interests in mind. Public power costs less, due to its not-for-profit nature and efficient management and operation. The Hingham Municipal Lighting Plant employees are here to serve the consumers in Hingham, not several other surrounding towns.

The growth in Hingham and the changes in the electric industry have caused the Light Plant to transform from a small municipal light company to an electric company. The operation runs 7 days a week, 24 hours a day because the expectations of the customer have changed. The technology and housing booms have caused electricity use to increase. Customers want to arrive at home and “flip the switch” and expect the lights to come on, the computers to work and the other electronic devices to operate. The Light Plant plans, reviews and constructs its system to maintain the high level of reliability that the customers expect. The Light Plant is always reinvesting in the system to provide adequate capacity to meet the growing demand and replacing older equipment so the electric system continues to perform at a high level.



Happy Holidays from HMLP.

Please feel free to visit our website for information on the company and send us an email with your thoughts.

John G. Tzimirangas, General Manager
Visit our website at www.hmlp.com

HMLP Celebrates Public Power Week

Mother Nature may have dampened the day, but the wet weather did not deter many Hingham residents from attending Hingham Light’s first observance of Public Power Week. On Saturday, October 8th, Hingham Light joined with Hingham Fire Department to host its’ first Open House held at Central Fire Station. Since Public Power week is the first week in October and Fire Prevention week is the second week in October, the partnership was a good match. Attendees learned a great deal about fire and electrical safety.



*5th Grade First Prize
Winner - Caroline Kenneally
South School*

The children were fascinated by Hazard Hamlet, an interactive electrical safety exhibit. The winning posters of the Poster Contest



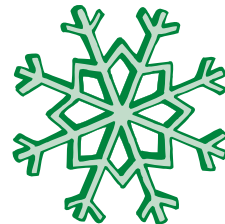
were displayed and prizes were awarded. Pizza from Papa Gino’s and cookies, baked with electricity were enjoyed by all. Of great interest was the literature on energy conservation, a wealth of valuable information on how to save energy and still stay warm. Hingham Light’s first annual Public Power Week celebration was a huge success.

"Hazard Hamlet" in Action - Connie Champman, Customer Service Supervisor, and Donna Wallace demonstrates safety and electricity

Energy Saving Tips

With energy prices expected to increase this winter, the Hingham Municipal Lighting plant offers the following suggestions to help lower energy bills. These useful tips were provided by the Edison Electric Institute, a Washington based energy trade association:

- Replace incandescent light bulbs with compact fluorescent bulbs. On average, they use 50 to 60% less energy.
- Use a microwave oven instead of a regular oven. You'll burn about 40% less energy.
- Wash and dry only full loads of laundry and dishes and use cold water for clothes as often as possible.
- Unplug a second refrigerator that is not being used. This can save about \$130 per year.
- Put an insulating blanket around your water heater.
- Turn down your water heater to 120 degrees and you can cut your water-heating costs by 10% to 15%.
- Wrap water pipes with prefabricated neoprene insulation to prevent water temperature from dropping rapidly.
- Install low-flow shower heads and faucets, which use one-third to one-half less water.
- Turn off your computer and monitor; they are using energy, even in screen saver mode.
- Unplug TVs, DVD players, and cell phone chargers, when they are not in use. These and other electronic devices use energy even when they are not turned on. In an average home, 75% of the electricity used to power home electronics is consumed when the device is turned off.
- Open curtains and blinds during sunlight hours to maximize the warmth of the sun. Close these blinds at night to stop cold air.
- Install a programmable setback thermostat to automatically adjust the setting at night or at times when you are not home.



In an average American home, space heating represents about 49% of the energy used. The other 51% is attributed to household appliances, lighting, water heating and air conditioning. Appliances and lighting account for 28% of the typical household's annual energy use. Water heating accounts for 16% of annual energy consumption while air conditioning takes up 7%.



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The Hingham Municipal Lighting Plant (HMLP) wants your input? We've placed an online survey on our website at www.hmlp.com so that we can obtain some feedback from you, our customers. The survey is designed to evaluate our performance as a company and our ability to serve the needs of our customers. Please take a moment to complete this brief survey.

The survey will target certain critical areas such as reliability, customer service, payment options, and overall satisfaction. The survey is anonymous and only takes a minute to complete. If you wish, you also have the option to provide your name, address and/or any comments. All surveys that contain name and address information will be eligible to win \$50.00 off your next electric bill. Deadline for the gift certificate drawing is January 31, 2006. The drawing will be made at the Hingham Municipal Lighting Plant Office on or about January 31, 2006.

You may complete and submit the form online or the website gives you the ability to print the form and mail or drop off the completed survey to HMLP, 222 Central Street, Hingham, MA 02043-2745.



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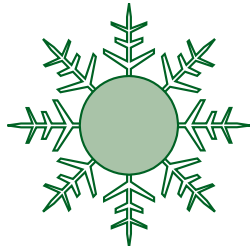


Wholesale Power Costs Increase PCA in Hingham

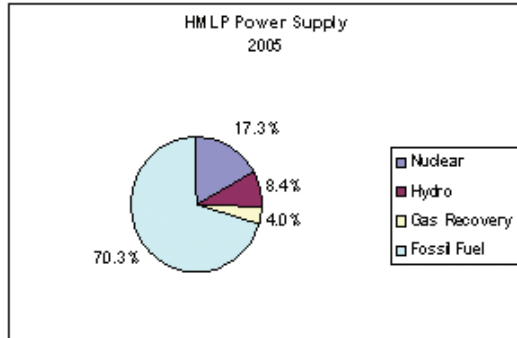
Hingham Municipal Lighting Plant, in response to the rising cost of energy, has found it necessary to raise the fuel adjustment portion of its customers' bills. This increase of 1.3 cents since September 2005 was attributable to the devastation of natural gas and fuel oil sources caused by hurricanes Katrina and Rita. Power plants, which are fueled by these sources, produce the electricity purchased by HMLP and many other New England electric



providers. Since these power plants have raised their prices significantly, HMLP has been forced to reluctantly pass some of the increase along to its customers. This year's fuel costs have caused electricity to nearly double on some days in the deregulated wholesale markets.



The HMLP Energy Supply portfolio includes 70.3% of its electricity from generating plants using Fossil Fuels (oil and natural gas), 17.3% of its electricity from nuclear plants (Seabrook and Millstone) and 12.4% of its electricity from Renewable sources (hydro and gas recovery landfill). The chart below illustrates the breakdown of the energy sources under contract by HMLP.



The increase in the fuel adjustment portion of the electric bill represents an increase of 9.5% since September for the customers of HMLP. This translates to an increase of \$6.69 for an average residential customer using 500 kwh per month. Even after the increase, HMLP customers will still pay significantly less than National Grid's customers. National Grid recently imposed a 27.5% rate increase due to the rising cost of energy.

