

New England's Competitive Power Generators



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- NEPGA members own and operate over 100 plants throughout New England, totaling nearly 27,000 MW or 84% of the total generation capacity in the region.
- These plants rely upon a diverse fuel mix including natural gas, oil, coal, hydro, nuclear, biomass and wind.
- NEPGA member companies are major regional employers, providing over 5,100 well-paying, highly skilled jobs to New England's workforce.
- These plants are significant tax payers in the region, providing nearly \$184 million in state and local taxes in 2010.
- NEPGA members serve on nonprofit boards and contribute millions of dollars to charitable organizations throughout New England.
- Thousands of local vendors are used by these plants for daily operations, with hundreds of millions of dollars infused into the local New England economy as a result.

The New England Power Generators Association (NEPGA) is the largest trade association representing competitive electric generating companies in New England. NEPGA members' plants represent 84 percent, or nearly 27,000 megawatts (MW) of all the available generating capacity in the region. Not only do competitive generators provide the majority of the electric power for New England, it is supplied from a diverse portfolio of plants, including natural gas, oil, coal, hydro, nuclear, biomass and wind facilities. These plants are run efficiently and reliably, maximizing benefits for consumers. Since the advent of New England's competitive electric markets in 1999, these plants have led the increase in generator availability from 81 percent to the current 88 percent.

NEPGA has a core mission to promote sound energy policies which will further economic development, jobs, and balanced environmental policy. Within New England, NEPGA companies provide over 5,100 well-paying, highly skilled jobs to the states' workforce at their plants. From the plant operator to the office staff, these employees have a shared commitment to excellence in all aspects of operations, steadfastly meeting safety, reliability and environmental standards. Nearly half of NEPGA's companies have the distinction of being listed on the Fortune 500 list.

NEPGA members have over 100 facilities throughout New England, located in over 80 towns and cities throughout the region. These companies are significant taxpayers, making direct payments of nearly \$184 million in taxes to states and their cities and towns, not to mention millions of dollars paid in income taxes by employees. In fact, in many towns throughout New England, power plants represent the largest single taxpayer. Competitive generators further economic development within the region by supporting local vendors and infusing hundreds of millions of dollars back into local communities. During 2010, NEPGA companies also directly contributed nearly \$4 million dollars to charitable causes.

Electricity is a necessity for all of us; from lighting homes and powering computers to driving manufacturing and local economic development. A continued commitment to sustainable competitive electric markets in New England is key for power generators to continue providing this essential product in a reliable, cost-effective, efficient and environmentally responsible manner.



