



LOCAL 1-2 UPDATE
**LOCAL 1-2, USPG AND NRG AT WIRE,
FEDERAL MEDIATORS SHUTTLE AMONG PARTIES,
CONTRACTS EXPIRE MIDNIGHT, JUNE 21,
WARY OF LABOR DISRUPTION**

James T. Slevin, President of Local 1-2, NY, UWUA, AFL-CIO announced today that Local 1-2 contract talks with power providers US Power Gen and NRG were at a crisis point as negotiators raced against the June 21, 2014 deadline in an effort to stave off labor disruption. “We want the public to be aware that these highly profitable energy producers are playing a game of chicken with the public and with Local 1-2 as we seek to keep these plants operating under decent, fair contracts.” Slevin said. Slevin said the current struggle during the talks with both employers revolved around work practices and benefits. The Union asked the Federal Mediation and Conciliation Service to assist the parties in resolving any remaining disputes. The FMCS joined the talks Thursday, June 19. “This is going down to the wire and that’s never a good thing,” Slevin said. “This week the summer build-up of hot weather began,” Slevin said, noting that it puts a strain on the City’s electric system. Slevin said that should a disruption occur in the summer months, it could cause problems during the hottest days.

Con Edison has forecast record usage for the summer of 2014. The two companies generate a combined 2677 MW, a significant percentage of Con Ed’s megawatt load. USPG owns and operates the Astoria generating station in Queens as well as the Gowanus turbine facility and the Narrows turbine facility, both in Brooklyn, while NRG operates 18 gas turbines in Astoria. With the combined output of both companies at risk, Con Ed would have to look elsewhere for electric capacity to meet its forecast demand in excess of 13,214 MW set in July 2013.