



LOCAL 1-2 UPDATE

MEMBERS AT USPG AND NRG

ISSUE STRIKE AUTHORIZATIONS

BOTH CONTRACTS EXPIRE JUNE 21

James T. Slevin, President of Local 1-2, NY, UWUA, AFL-CIO announced today that the Local 1-2 Bargaining Units at power providers US Power Gen and NRG had voted overwhelmingly to provide strike authorization when their respective contracts expire at midnight June 21.

“Right now we are in talks with both companies,” Slevin said, adding that should a strike occur in the summer months, it could strain the power grid during the hottest days.

“Con Edison just forecast record usage for the summer of 2014 and with the combined 2677 MW that these companies produce, it would be a significant percentage of Con Ed’s load during the hottest days,” Slevin said.

USPG owns and operates the Astoria generating station in Queens as well as the Gowanus gas turbine facility and the Narrows gas turbine facility, both in Brooklyn, while NRG operates one gas fired turbine and one oil fired turbine 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.

“We want the public to be aware that these highly profitable energy producers are in serious talks with Local 1-2 and that as the hot summer months begin, to understand that the men and women who keep these plants operating are seeking a decent, fair contract.” Slevin said.

He added that the strike authorization was one tool that a Union has as leverage when it enters into contract negotiations.

“It is a tool we have, and a tool we will use if we have to,” Slevin said.

Approximately 120 Members of Local 1-2 are employed by USPG and NRG.