

# THE THOMAS A. WATSON GENERATING STATION

## at Braintree Electric Light Department

**TO:** Braintree Officials and former Town Meeting Members  
**FROM:** William Bottiggi, BELD General Manager  
*Commissioners:* Thomas Reynolds, Anthony Agnitti, James Regan  
**SUBJECT:** PROGRESS REPORT, 7/1/09

**B**raintree Electric Light Department is pleased to announce that the new Thomas A. Watson Generating Station commenced commercial operation June 23, 2009.

To insure a high degree of safety and reliability, the two gas turbines and their associated systems were thoroughly checked out during many performance tests run under various plant conditions—a lengthy commissioning process that has taken place over the last several weeks.

The power plant is now being bid on a daily basis into ISO New England's energy and capacity markets, where it will protect Braintree Electric customers from potentially high electricity prices for years to come.

It would be difficult to thank everyone who has supported this project without overlooking a group or individual who helped us get to this point. But we would like to specifically thank the Town Meeting Members who, at a number of Town Meetings in 2006 and 2007, voted to support the Light Department by providing the necessary funding.

We would also like to thank the Braintree Electric Light Department employees who worked many long hours and stayed focused on the goal of completing the project by this summer. The challenges we have faced are too many to mention, but one by one we have managed to overcome them and achieve our goal.

**We're making plans for a public event in the fall, when we hope you'll come for a visit.**



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