

PPL Works With Community to Relicense Dam; Receives Business and Industry Award for Its Efforts

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Over the past three years, PPL Corporation held more than 30 meetings with local residents, community groups, state and federal resource agencies, and private interest groups as part of the relicensing effort for its Lake Wallenpaupack hydroelectric facility near Hawley, Pa. It was a fruitful process that has earned PPL the Water Resources Association of the Delaware River Basin's 2003 Business and Industry Award.

The association chose PPL because of its community involvement efforts during the relicensing process and its coordination of a new drought management plan for the lake.

"When we began relicensing the Lake Wallenpaupack Project, it seemed only natural to involve the community," said Dennis Murphy, vice president of PPL's Eastern Fossil and Hydro Operations. "This lake and this dam, and the communities that recreate here and use the power from this facility, are all interwoven. We are grateful for the association's recognition of this effort."

The award is given each year to a business within the Delaware River Basin that has demonstrated leadership in sound water management.

"We applaud PPL's community-focused approach to relicensing at Wallenpaupack and the company's efforts to address drought issues in the Delaware River Basin," said Bob Molzahn, president of the Water Resources Association. "Initiatives like these are making a difference in this watershed. That is why PPL received this year's Business and Industry Award."

PPL invited federal, state and local resource agencies, nongovernmental organizations and members of the public to help complete and file a new license application and an Applicant Prepared Environmental Assessment for the Wallenpaupack Project. The process allowed PPL, in coordination with a broad spectrum of public and private groups, to reach a general consensus on a future operations and management plan for the lake.

The company also participated in several technical meetings sponsored by the Delaware River Basin Commission to outline a new drought operations plan for the lake that will make additional water available to help meet water needs during critical low-flow periods.

The Lake Wallenpaupack facility, constructed in 1926, can generate 44 megawatts of electricity. In addition to its hydro generation role, the 5,700-acre man-made lake is a popular location for year-round outdoor recreation.

The Water Resources Association of the Delaware River Basin was established in 1959 by individuals with wide-ranging interests in water resources who sought to insure local citizen participation in the management of the Delaware River and its tributaries.

PPL Corporation (NYSE: PPL), headquartered in Allentown, Pa., controls about 11,500 megawatts of generating capacity in the United States, sells energy in key U.S. markets and delivers electricity to customers in Pennsylvania, the United Kingdom and Latin America.

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