PPL Corporation Sets Generation Records in 2004

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Records are made to be broken, at least in the case of PPL Corporation's (NYSE: PPL) power plants. For the third year in a row, PPL's generating stations produced a record amount of electricity.

The company's power plants generated 53.7 billion kilowatt-hours in 2004, 1.4 billion kilowatt-hours more than the record set in 2003. The power plants generated 51.2 billion kilowatt-hours in 2002.

"These achievements show the dedication and hard work of our employees," said Bryce Shriver, president of PPL Generation. "At PPL, we have a strong focus on providing reliable and safely generated electricity, and that's a strong benefit for our customers and our shareowners," Shriver said.

"One of the keys to our success has been the sharing of best practices among our power plants," said Shriver.
"Lessons we learn at one plant can lead to improvements at other facilities."

The 53.7 billion kilowatt-hours generated by PPL plants in 2004 was enough electricity to meet the needs of more than 5 million households in the United States, said Shriver.

The overall record performance was backed by record-setting years at PPL's Susquehanna nuclear plant near Berwick, Pa.; and coal-fired plants at Brunner Island, near Harrisburg, Pa., and the Colstrip plant in Montana.

The Susquehanna nuclear plant produced 18.03 billion kilowatt-hours of electricity during 2004, surpassing its previous record of 18 billion kilowatt-hours set in 2003. The generation record is the fourth such milestone for Susquehanna in the past five years.

Contributing to the record was the installation of new turbines on Unit 1 of the two-unit plant. Unit two received new turbines during 2003.

The Brunner Island plant produced 10.4 billion kilowatt-hours, breaking its record of 9.7 billion kilowatt-hours set in 1983. The Colstrip plant Units 1 and 2 produced 4.8 billion kilowatt-hours, breaking the record of 4.6 billion kilowatt-hours set in 2001.

PPL operates power plants at 37 sites in Pennsylvania, Montana, Maine, Connecticut, Arizona, Illinois and New York.

Headquartered in Allentown, Pa., PPL Corporation 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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