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### **New York Power Authority Again Increases BPU Hydropower Rates**

Last fall, in November, 2011, the New York Power Authority (NYPA) Board of Trustees approved a cumulative 24 percent rate increase, effective in four separate adjustments over a three and a half year period, for the sale of hydropower to its municipal electric system customers, including the Jamestown Board of Public Utilities (BPU).

The first increase of 5.5 percent went into effect on December 1, 2011, and impacted BPU customers on bills mailed in January, 2012. The 5.5 percent hydro increase represents just under a one percent increase on overall BPU electric rates or \$0.60 additional per month on the average electric bill.

The second adjustment, 5.4 percent, has gone into effect as of May 1. The increase will be reflected in the fuel cost adjustment line on the June BPU customer bills and will add another approximate \$0.60 per month on the average electric bill.

The third adjustment of 5.6 percent will take place on May 1, 2013, with the fourth increase of 5.7 percent occurring on May 1, 2014.

The BPU, as part of the New York Association of Public Power (NYAPP), challenged the communicated increases between July and November of last year. Despite these efforts, the NYPA Board voted in November to raise the hydropower rates, although at a lower overall adjustment than NYPA staff had originally requested (24 percent vs. 29 percent).

NYPA is the largest state-owned electric utility public power producer in the United States. The organization's generation facilities consist of 17 power plants and more than 1,400 circuit-miles of transmission lines in various parts of New York State. Its diverse customer base includes government entities, commercial and industrial businesses, not-for-profit organizations, municipal electric systems and rural electric cooperatives.

