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Jamestown Board of Public Utilities (BPU) Approves Six-Year Agreement with IBEW, Local 106, Wastewater Treatment Plant Employees

The Jamestown BPU Board today ratified a six-year agreement reached with IBEW, Local 106, which represents the BPU wastewater treatment plant employees. Members of Local 106, voted on October 4th, 2011, to approve the agreement which succeeds the expired contract that ran from January 1, 2005, through December 31, 2009.

The new contract is in effect from January 1, 2010, through December 31, 2015. The agreement covers 12 employees at the BPU's Quaint Road facility.

Among other changes and enhancements to the contract language, the agreement provides increases to both wages and employee contributions to health insurance, as well as adjustments to the overall health insurance program. Health insurance contributions as paid by employees will increase each year, reaching 16% as of 4/1/13; and wage increases will average 2.5% per year over the life of the contract.

"The employees of the BPU Wastewater Treatment Plant are a good group of talented, hardworking and skilled people," said BPU General Manager David Leathers. "We are gratified to have agreed upon a contract that will permit us all to move forward, working together in this important service for our customers."

"I congratulate both the members of the IBEW, Local 106, and the BPU management who worked toward reaching this agreement," stated BPU Board Chair John Zabrodsky. "The BPU looks forward to a continued partnership with the IBEW, Local 106, in assisting our community."