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Environmental Update

We're pleased to report that the electricity we purchased for our supply customers ranks considerably better than the New York State average for air emissions.

- >> If you receive your electricity supply from RG&E, your environmental disclosure information is provided here. It is also available at rge.com.
- >> If you receive your electricity supply from a supplier other than RG&E *and* your supplier's charges are included in your RG&E bill, your supplier's most recent environmental disclosure was included in an earlier bill.
- >> If you buy electricity from a supplier other than RG&E, and are billed directly by your supplier, you should receive environmental disclosure information from your supplier.
- >> For more information on environmental disclosure, contact the New York Public Service Commission at 1.888.Ask.PSC1 (1.888.275.7721) or visit dps.state.ny.us

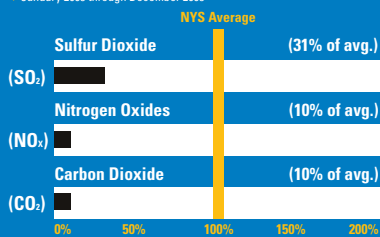
Fuel Sources Used to Generate Your Electricity

January 2005 through December 2005
Actual total may vary slightly from 100% due to rounding

Biomass	0%
Coal	2%
Hydroelectric	7%
Natural Gas	2%
Nuclear	88%
Oil	less than 1%
Solar	0%
Solid Waste	0%
Wind	less than 1%
Total	100%

Air Emissions Relative to the New York State Average

January 2005 through December 2005



RG&E's sources of electricity supply are cleaner than the New York State average. ▲

In the spirit of Earth Day, we share in a commitment to the environment

Energy East Joins In Climate Change Fight

Energy East, RG&E's parent company, has joined an unprecedented group of more than 85 companies and organizations from around the world to endorse *The Path to Climate Sustainability: A Joint Statement by the Global Roundtable on Climate Change*, a bold framework for protecting the environment while creating the sustainable energy systems necessary for achieving economic growth.



"With energy consumption continuing to increase, it is incumbent on our industry to partner with others to identify and implement aggressive energy efficiency measures and work toward reducing emissions of greenhouse gases," said Wes von Schack, chairman and CEO. "At our initiative, we are already making considerable progress by adding to our capacity to **generate environmentally-friendly hydroelectricity**, planning to implement a system of **smart meters that will enable us to work with our customers to reduce demand** – particularly during on-peak times – and **improving the efficiency of our energy distribution system.**"

The joint statement calls on governments to set scientifically-informed targets for greenhouse gas and carbon dioxide (CO₂) emissions. The statement also urges governments to place a price on carbon emissions and to set forth policies aimed at addressing energy efficiency and de-carbonization in all sectors.

>> You can take a step toward combating climate change

by adding your name to a growing global call for action at www.NextGenerationEarth.org.

For more information about the **Global Roundtable on Climate Change:** www.earthinstitute.columbia.edu/grocc/



Hydroelectricity Production Up

Mother Nature often showed her nasty side last year, but there was a plus to the record precipitation some parts of the state received: The increase in the volume of water in rivers combined with strategic investments by RG&E and sister company, NYSEG, has resulted in higher-than-expected amounts of environmentally-friendly electricity from the companies' hydroelectric generating plants.

RG&E's three hydroelectric generating plants on the Genesee River produced 260,000 mwh of electricity in 2006, a 21% increase over 2005 and the most electricity produced in nearly 15 years.

NYSEG's hydroelectric generating plants at High Falls, Cadyville, Mill C and Kents Falls on the Saranac River; Rainbow Falls on the Ausable River; and Mechanicville on the Hudson River produced more than 360,000 megawatt-hours (mwh) of electricity in 2006, a 10% increase over 2005 and the most electricity produced at those plants in more than 20 years.

Assuming that a typical home uses 7,200 kilowatt-hours of electricity each year, these plants together produced enough electricity in 2006 for nearly 90,000 homes.

Because RG&E's and NYSEG's hydroelectric generation reduces the need for electricity from traditional fossil-fuel sources, there is a direct benefit to the environment from the optimization of these plants. **In 2006, the electricity generated at these hydroelectric plants avoided 408,000 tons of carbon dioxide (CO₂), 2,100 tons of sulfur dioxide and 570 tons of nitrogen oxides emissions.** The CO₂ emissions avoided are the equivalent of planting 55 million trees or avoiding more than 700 million miles of automobile use.

In order to ensure optimal performance, RG&E and NYSEG will continue to invest in equipment upgrades at the plants.



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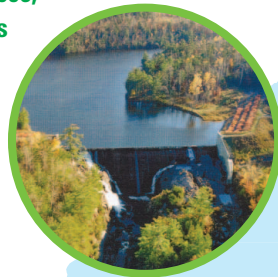
Hydroelectric Plants

NYSEG

- 1 High Falls
- 2 Cadyville
- 3 Mill C
- 4 Kent Falls
- 5 Rainbow Falls
- 6 Mechanicville

RG&E

- 7 Station 5
- 8 Station 2
- 9 Station 26



Wind-Generated Electricity

More and more RG&E customers are finding that the source of electricity they prefer is blowin' in the wind.

Nearly 3,000 RG&E customers have enrolled in the wind energy program the company began offering in April 2004. The number of customers participating in the RG&E program is also up significantly over 2005. These RG&E customers are expected to use 19.5 million kwh of wind energy in 2007.

Customer purchases of wind energy directly benefit the environment because they offset the need for electricity from fossil-fueled generation. **Every 100 megawatts of fossil-fueled generation displaced by renewable energy sources lowers carbon dioxide (CO₂) emissions by more than 500,000 tons, a reduction equivalent to planting 21 million trees or taking 82,000 cars off the road.** Renewable energy sources also help avoid sulfur dioxide and nitrogen oxides emissions.

>> **For more information on RG&E's wind energy program** or to sign up, call 1.877.RGE.WIND (1.877.743.9463) or visit rge.com and click on "Products and Services."





Know what's below. Call before you dig.

Whether you're a contractor or a homeowner doing an outdoor project, having underground utilities marked is essential to protect yourself from injury and prevent damage to underground utility lines.

Now having underground utilities marked is even easier – simply call **811** at least two days but not more than 10 days before you plan to start your project. (If you choose, you can still call *Dig Safely. New York* directly at 1.800.962.7962.)



Look Up. Look Out!

When working outside, remember to watch over head. Aluminum siding, gutters and ladders can all conduct electricity. If any of these items touch an overhead power line, the results could be deadly.

>> To learn more about safety, visit rge.com.

Look **Up**state NY



RG&E Economic Development Grant Helps Bausch & Lomb Expand

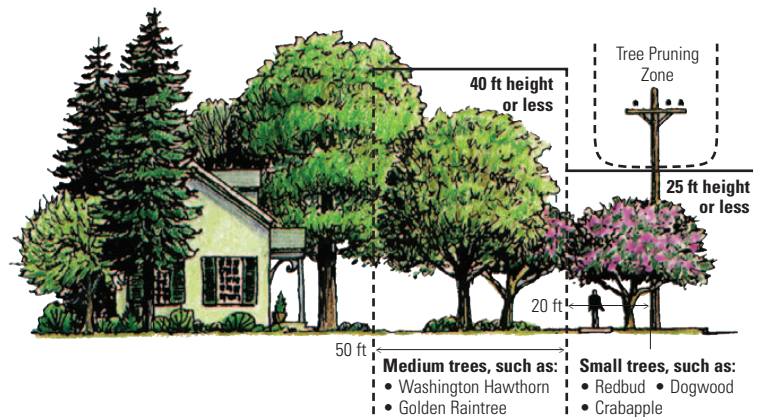
Bausch & Lomb, a world renowned manufacturer of contact lens and eye care products, recently completed an expansion of its R&D Center at its Optic Center facility in Rochester. RG&E played a vital role in this project by helping offset the costs of the electric infrastructure upgrades through its economic development Capital Investment Incentive program.

Bausch & Lomb celebrated the grand opening of the 75,000-square-foot research center in December, two months ahead of schedule. Approximately 200 people will be added to staff at the Optics Center. The research center could be expanded by another 25,000 square feet in the future.

"We thank RG&E for their commitment to working together to improve the economic vitality of this region and to making this an attractive location to grow our business and add jobs," said Ronald Zarrella, chairman and CEO of Bausch & Lomb.

The company was started in Rochester in 1853 when John Jacob Bausch opened an optical goods shop. A loan from his friend Henry Lomb started a partnership that today has more than \$2.2 billion in annual revenues and employs 13,000 workers worldwide. In 1971, Bausch & Lomb introduced the first soft contact lens. It continues to be a global leader in eye care products and vision accessories.

>> To learn more about RG&E's economic development programs, visit lookupstateny.com or call 1.800.456.5153.



Plant the Right Tree

Trees are valuable additions to our neighborhoods. However, trees that come in contact with power lines are the leading cause of power interruptions. If you're thinking about planting a tree near power lines, check with the National Arbor Day Foundation for low-growing varieties that will add beauty to your property without interfering with power lines. Learn more at www.arborday.org or call 1.888.448.7337.

Never attempt to trim trees near power lines. Leave that task to professionals.



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