Berkshire Power Company, LLC

Plant Facts

Location: 36 Moylan Lane
Agawam, Massachusetts 01001

Purpose: Converts natural gas to electricity

Size: 229 megawatts

Commercial Operation: June 2000

Owner: Berkshire Power Company, which is owned and managed by an affiliate of Tenaska

Employment: 18 well-paying, full-time positions

Project Benefits

Provides electric capacity for the ISO-New England power market, the regional transmission organization (RTO) that serves six New England states, including Massachusetts.

Clean Power Generation

Meets all applicable environmental permits and standards. Uses clean-burning natural gas, along with effective control technology, to ensure low emissions and environmentally responsible operation.

Economic Benefits

Provides more than $6.3 million annually in salaries and in payments for locally contracted services and supplies.

Important contributor to the local tax base; the plant paid more than $1.8 million in property taxes in 2019.

Employment

18 well-paying, full-time positions to operate the facility. These employees and their families live, pay taxes and purchase goods and services in Massachusetts.
Safety

Environmental Commitment
The Berkshire plant meets all applicable environmental permits and standards and uses clean-burning natural gas, along with effective control technology, to ensure low emissions and environmentally responsible operations.

Citizenship
Involvement occurs both at the corporate and individual levels. Examples:

- Berkshire Power Company instituted an annual scholarship program starting with the 2018-2019 school year. A total of $9,000 in scholarships were awarded to six college-bound high school seniors to date.

- Berkshire Power Company purchases tree saplings for planting in the community on Arbor Day each year and makes annual contributions to various local charitable organizations and schools.

- Employees at Berkshire volunteered their time to support local community and charitable projects.

- The plant sponsors an annual art contest with local elementary schools each year. The winning student’s design becomes the plant’s christmas card, and the winning school receives a donation for new art supplies.