

TENASKA® WESTMORELAND GENERATING STATION

Tenaska Pennsylvania Partners, LLC



Plant Facts

Location: 446 Smithton Pike
Smithton, Pennsylvania 15479
(Westmoreland County)

Purpose: Converts natural gas to electricity

Size: 940 megawatts

**Commercial
Operation:** December 2018

Owner: Tenaska Pennsylvania Partners, LLC

Employment: 24 well-paying, full-time positions

Project Benefits

Power generated by Tenaska Westmoreland Generating Station is sold into the PJM Interconnection regional transmission organization to meet growing regional energy needs. The PJM Interconnection market assures the electric reliability of the largest centrally dispatched grid in North America, which includes the state of Pennsylvania.

Reliable Generation

Forced Outage factor of 6.4% over the past operating year.

Employment

Operation of the facility has created 24 well-paying, full-time positions. These employees and their families live, pay taxes and purchase goods and services in southwestern Pennsylvania.

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Economic Impact

- Construction of Tenaska Westmoreland Generating Station represented an investment of more than \$500 million in the regional economy. This has included approximately 650 jobs during peak construction and contract opportunities awarded to more than 100 regional businesses.
- Tenaska Westmoreland's relationship with Municipal Authority of Westmoreland County (MAWC) has resulted in upgrades and enhancements that benefit both Tenaska and the local community. The upgrades to the MAWC system were designed for a capacity that exceeded the plant's peak demand, which improved the resiliency of the overall system and the reliability for all MAWC customers. As part of the construction of the 13-mile water supply line to the plant, MAWC installed 40 new fire hydrants to provide local access points for fire authorities, improving the response times for emergencies and increasing public safety. Tenaska Pennsylvania Partners recognized the need for this vital public service and reimbursed MAWC for the cost of the hydrants.
- The plant will provide significant tax revenue over its life. Westmoreland County, South Huntingdon Township and the Yough School District will benefit from this tax money.
- More than \$9.3 million in salaries and payments to local contractors in 2019.

Safety

Recipient of two National Safety Council Awards for 2018 safety performance.

Citizenship

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

- Tenaska Westmoreland instituted an annual scholarship program starting with the 2019-2020 school year. A total of \$6,000 in scholarships were awarded to four high school seniors to date.
- \$50,000 pledge to South Huntingdon Township over the first five years of the plant's operating life.
- \$5,000 pledge to Turkeytown fire department toward a new fire station.
- Support for education programs through the Yough School District, including educational tours for students at all levels, participation in science fairs, sponsorship of robotics, LEGOS and coding programs, and donations of school supplies, 3D printer and other items.
- Participates in the Teacher in the Workplace (TIW) program, allowing teachers to job shadow at the plant.
- Employees volunteered hundreds of hours in 2019 to support local community and charitable projects.
- Donations to community organizations and local efforts, such as supplies for flooding relief in fall 2018, new U.S. flags for Smithton Borough, holiday items and winter coats for area children in need, canned goods for the local food bank and contributions to Westmoreland County SPCA, among others.

Recognition

- The Tenaska Westmoreland project was honored in 2018 by Economic Growth Connection for its contributions to the region.
- In 2019, Tenaska Westmoreland was named Industrial Project of the Year by the Engineers' Society of Western Pennsylvania.