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### **Corps Issues Federal Permit for New York Power Plant**

**New York** — The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers New York District announced today that it has granted a federal permit on an application by Athens Generating Company, L. P. to build a 1,080 megawatt gas-fired electric generating plant in the Town of Athens, Greene County, New York.

“The construction of this project fulfills a pressing need for electric generation capacity in New York, significantly augmenting the State’s power supply and its ability to avoid potential power shortages,” said Corps District spokesman Pete Shugert.

The Corps recognizes that the area is rich in scenic, cultural, historical and environmentally sensitive resources. However, through extensive federal and state permit reviews the project has been modified to avoid or minimize impacts. “The Corps has gone to great lengths to ensure that the impacts from this plant will be minimal, imposing extensive permit conditions that will reduce impacts to environmental resources and historic properties,” Shugert said.

Through an extensive consultation process with 21 groups with an interest in historic properties, the Corps, the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation and the New York State Historic and Preservation Office developed a Memorandum of Agreement that contains numerous provisions to protect and enhance historic properties.

The plant will be built approximately two miles from the Hudson River, but includes an intake/outfall structure in the west bank of the River with associated utility lines. Approximately .95 acres of wetlands would be permanently lost with temporary impacts to 4.14 acres wetlands and waterways.

