



Peabody Municipal Light Plant

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Peabody Municipal Light Plant Celebrates Public Power Week

Peabody Municipal Light Plant (PMLP) is marking national Public Power Week, October 4-10, 2020, by spreading the word about the benefits public power utilities bring to their communities.

In 2021, PMLP will celebrate its 130th year as a municipal provider of electricity, with the continuing goal of providing low cost, reliable service. Today, the light plant serves over 26,000 accounts, with a blend of residential, business and commercial accounts.

PMLP operates under what is known as the public power business model, as a non-profit organization owned by the people of Peabody. It is governed by the Peabody Municipal Lighting Commission, and functions under this representative system to make the best decisions for the community.

With 60 employees, PMLP also helps support the local economy. As contributing members of area communities, our employees take pride in their work and play a vital role in community relations. Because we are your neighbors, whenever you work with a team member of PMLP, you can count on a professional and courteous exchange. Public power utilities are known to offer low rates and reliable service. PMLP offers some of the lowest rates in Massachusetts, and works hard to maintain a very low outage rate. Having employees who live and work in the community contributes to a faster restoration time.

PMLP is committed to supporting state and regional public policy goals to reduce carbon emissions under the Global Warming Solutions Act. The light plant's power portfolio includes carbon-free generation, which consists of wind, nuclear, hydro and solar.

PMLP has been working on several projects to improve reliability and strengthen the quality of life for its customers. Within the past year, the light plant completed the construction of its new Ipswich River Substation to ensure its customers continue to receive dependable, superior service.

In addition, PMLP customers can take advantage of home energy efficiency bill credits for insulation, heating and cooling, appliances and more. This year, due to the pandemic, we are moving our LED bulb sale online; preorders will be received through our website or by phone from [date] to [date] with a pickup date of [date]. Incentives are also in place for our commercial customers when they replace inefficient lighting with LED lighting.

Peabody Municipal Lighting Commission Chairman, Robert O. Wheatley, said, "Peabody is very fortunate to have a municipal light plant. Our five commissioners value the employees of PMLP, and we work together to provide friendly, quality service, reasonable rates, and a reliable electric system. We stress safety for the men and women of the plant as well as our ratepayers." Plant manager, Charles J. Orphanos echoed those words. "Many PMLP employees live in Peabody and grew up here too. All our employees have Pride in Peabody and it shows in our service to all customers."

PMLP is the community owned, not-for profit electric utility providing electricity to Peabody and South Lynnfield. Public Power Week runs from October 5 – October 10 this year, and all of October is National Energy Awareness Month.