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Fire contained during Stony Brook power plant maintenance outage

LUDLOW, Mass. – September 25, 2006 – A fire this morning in a section of a generator undergoing repairs during a scheduled maintenance outage of the Stony Brook power plant in Ludlow was extinguished in a matter of minutes by the Ludlow Fire Department. No one was injured.

The fire occurred around 2:30 a.m. today and was contained to a small section of one of the five gas turbine generating units housed in the 520-megawatt Stony Brook plant, which is operated and principally owned by the Massachusetts Municipal Wholesale Electric Company (MMWEC).

Stony Brook plant personnel used fire extinguishers to contain the fire until arrival of the Ludlow Fire Department, which responded with three vehicles and six firefighters. Firefighters used water to extinguish the fire in a matter of minutes. The cause of the fire is under investigation.

The plant was not operating at the time of the fire. The intermediate generator involved in the fire had been dismantled and was undergoing cleaning, inspection and testing. MMWEC is still inspecting damage caused by the fire.

Maintenance work has been completed on the plant's other four generating units, which are expected to be available for operation today.

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