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**AES TO CONDUCT PUBLIC MEETING TO SEEK COMMUNITY INPUT ON  
LAKE UNLOADING PROJECT (LUP) AT POWER GENERATING FACILITY  
IN NIAGARA COUNTY**

**BARKER, NEW YORK** – AES Somerset has scheduled a public meeting on January 30, 2008 at the Lockport Holiday Inn on 515 South Transit Road from 7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. to review and discuss plans regarding the company's proposed \$25 million Lake Unloading Project (LUP).

"We look forward to providing the public with more details about the Lake Unloading Project and engaging the community in a dialogue about the many positive aspects of this project for the entire region," Jon Reiman the AES project manager for the LUP said. "The response to our project to date has been extremely positive."

The LUP, which was announced on October 2, 2007, will be constructed on the site of the AES electric generating facility in the Town of Somerset in Niagara County. The generating facility features advanced technology and state-of-the-art environmental controls making it one of the cleanest and most efficient facilities in New York State and among one of the best performing generating stations in the United States.

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“The goal of the meeting is to present the community more detailed information about the project, including potential impacts as required under the state environmental review process,” Reimann continued. “Based on the feedback and input from the public, we then will work to address any concerns raised, if any, with regards to the construction and operation of the project.”

The \$25 million investment will create approximately 100 union construction jobs over a two year period and help retain the more than 150 management and union jobs at the 675 megawatt power plant. The LUP will be utilized to deliver products such as coal and other raw materials via self-unloading ships to the AES generating facility. The company estimates that the total annual value of raw materials to be delivered from the LUP would be approximately \$100 million.

For more information regarding AES’ LUP, please visit [www.aesbuildsniagara.com](http://www.aesbuildsniagara.com).