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### MTA Bridges and Tunnels Partners with New York Power Authority to Stave off Summer Power Outages

Doing its part to help New York City through another sizzling summer, MTA Bridges and Tunnels switches to its own emergency generators when energy demand surges on hot days, giving the New York Power Authority (NYPA) some breathing room. The agency is enrolled in NYPA's Peak Load Management and Emergency Demand Response Programs with eight of its facility-based generators.

Bridges and Tunnels' use of generators helps reduce the electrical demands on the utility network, which in turn helps reduce chances of a black-out. The agency also volunteers to curtail non-essential electrical usage (lights, elevators) upon request during designated periods. The duration of the power-sharing depends on the nature of the usage emergency, although it is standard for NYPA to notify program participants two hours in advance of need and often a full day ahead.

"Our agency is very pleased to join with NYPA to keep New York powered up through times of high energy demand," said Patrick Parisi, Chief Maintenance Officer for MTA Bridges and Tunnels. "These programs also give us additional opportunity to review our own emergency plans."

The generators range in size according to output (from 250-1000 kilowatt) and can be as large as a pick-up truck, or as compact as a portable storage container. At present, generators at the Bronx-Whitestone, Throgs Neck, Verrazano-Narrows, Cross Bay Veterans Memorial and Queens Midtown Tunnel are part of the energy-conserving effort.

Bridges and Tunnels, along with others in the MTA family of agencies, has been working in cooperation with NYPA, the country's largest state-owned electric utility, since 2004 to alleviate power demands.

The power authority provides electricity in New York State, operating 18 generating facilities and more than 1,400 circuit-miles of transmission lines, and promotes energy-efficiency and development of clean energy technologies. For more information on NYPA, visit: [www.nypa.gov](http://www.nypa.gov)

MTA Bridges and Tunnels' facilities, which connect the five boroughs of New York City, are the Triborough, Throgs Neck, Bronx-Whitestone, Henry Hudson, Verrazano-Narrows, Cross Bay Veterans Memorial and Marine Parkway-Gil Hodges Bridges, and the Queens Midtown and Brooklyn-Battery Tunnels.



Photo caption: The Bronx-Whitestone Bridge on a sunny day.

