



NAES Corporation Begins Operations At Dave Gates Generating Station

NAESsm Corporation, a broad-based provider of services to the energy industry, announces it initiated commercial operations at the Dave Gates Generating Station (DGGS) at Mill Creek, located near Anaconda, MT on January 1, 2011.

DGGS, owned by NorthWestern Energy (NWE), is a 150 MW natural gas fired station that began construction in August 2009 and is considered a model for utilities needing to meet future regulation needs. The station is equipped with state-of-the-art emissions control technology. Completed at the end of 2010, DGGS is a regulating reserve plant, one of the few of its kind in the country. Designed with maximum operating flexibility, the DGGS will provide the reserve capacity necessary to maintain transmission system reliability and balance on a moment-by-moment basis as demand and resources fluctuate. In the months since it began operating, the station's performance has met or exceeded all expectations.

“Through their experience at other projects, their presence on site early in the construction process and their assistance with quality reviews, NAES has significantly contributed to the success of DGGS,” said Jim Williams, Jr., NWE Project Manager.

Headquartered in Issaquah, Washington, NAES is the world's leading provider of comprehensive services to industries that generate or consume power. For over 30 years, NAES has specialized in providing services centered on safe, reliable and cost-effective performance including operations and maintenance; retrofit and maintenance services; on-site turbine inspection/overhaul services; staffing solutions; and customized services designed to improve plant and personnel effectiveness.

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349 cities in the western two-thirds of Montana, eastern South Dakota and central Nebraska and is one of the largest utilities in the upper mid West.

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