

## Press Release

### **FORTISTAR Peabody seeks capacity and energy for 99 MW peaking unit in Boston region**

**White Plains, New York, July 14, 2004:** Fortistar is seeking buyers of capacity and energy in a proposed 99 MW peaking unit scheduled for commercial operation in January 2006. The unit is located in the transmission constrained NEMA Boston region of New England which has had 2,000 MW megawatts of older, less efficient generating capacity proposed for closure or deactivation since 2002. According to New England ISO (“NEISO”), the NEMA Boston region will remain on the brink of an operating reserve deficiency condition even after all of the proposed transmission upgrades are completed in 2006 and 2007. NEMA Boston is also slated to have locational installed capacity and operating reserves requirements starting in 2006 as proposed by the NEISO.

“The Fortistar Peabody Project is a low cost hedge against a higher cost capacity market in NEMA Boston for marketers and load serving entities” stated Jon Maurer, Senior Vice President, Fortistar. “Its quick start capability will make this plant valuable to the NEISO in relieving congestion in this market. The current state of the capital and equipment markets, as well as the strategic location of the project, makes this a unique opportunity to secure long term low cost capacity in the NEMA Boston region.”

Based in White Plains, New York, FORTISTAR is a privately owned independent power company that is focused on owning and managing independent power facilities with well structured contracts that provide reliable long-term cash flow. More information about Fortistar is available at the company web site [www.fortistar.com](http://www.fortistar.com).

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