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**BETH ISRAEL MEDICAL CENTER SWITCHES TO GREEN ENERGY
New Co-Gen System Reduces Energy Cost, Carbon Footprint at Brooklyn Division**

January 5, 2012 -- A 12-ton clean energy co-generation system, a heat and power plant that is central to Beth Israel Medical Center's Go Green project, was hoisted by crane to the roof of the Kings Highway Division in Brooklyn, on Wednesday morning.

The natural gas-fired co-gen unit is housed within a 20'x8'x8' container. Project contractor Ecosystem Energy Services, Inc. estimates the co-gen unit to generate enough electricity to help reduce the hospital's dependency on electrical utilities by 40 percent.

Central to the \$4.1 million project -- half a million less than the original estimated cost -- is the conversion of the hospital's heating network from steam to hot water, which will use recycled heat generated by the co-gen system to heat the building.

The project includes the installation of new water heaters, more efficient fluorescent lighting, and low-flush toilets, and upgrades to the system's automated controls. When fully operational, Beth Israel's Brooklyn division expects to save approximately \$455,000 annually in utility bills.

Another important benefit of the project is the reduction of greenhouse gas emissions equivalent to 150 cars driving 10,000 miles per year. The co-gen unit will go into operation in March.