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The Honorable Magalie R. Salas
Secretary
Federal Energy Regulatory Commission
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Request of New York Independent System Operator, Inc.
to Speak at November 6, 2002 Technical Conference
on Pricing Proposals for Network Upgrades and Expansions
Docket No. RM01-12-000

Dear Ms. Salas:

Pursuant to the Notices issued on October 2, 2002 and October 22, 2002, as amended on October 24, 2002, in this proceeding, the New York Independent System Operator (“NYISO”) hereby requests that John P. Buechler be permitted to speak at the Commission’s November 6, 2002 technical conference on pricing proposals for network upgrades and expansions. Mr. Buechler, who is the NYISO’s Executive Regulatory Policy Advisor, wishes to present a brief description of a proposed regional planning process that is currently being considered in connection with the possible development of a Northeastern Regional Transmission Organization. His presentation would address the following topics:

- Deciding when new facilities are needed, whether for reliability or economic purposes.
- Ensuring that all classes of resources, *i.e.*, transmission, generation and demand-side resources, may respond when a need for new facilities is identified.
- When it is appropriate to use market based participant funding.

- Developing Independent Transmission Provider (“ITP”) expansion planning systems that accommodate “elective” projects funded by either “local license plate pricing” or “beneficiaries pay” pricing. The use of a “back-stop,” rolled-in pricing mechanism to ensure that transmission upgrades that are needed for reliability purposes will be built.
- The role of ITP Boards, and advisory stakeholder committees, in identifying projects needed for economic purposes and in choosing pricing mechanisms for them.
- The role of state regulatory commissions in ensuring that transmission-owning utilities that construct needed transmission facilities receive an appropriate retail rate treatment.

Mr. Buechler will address these topics from his perspective as an experienced industry professional with considerable experience in the planning area, and as a senior consultant to the NYISO, which currently administers a regional transmission planning process. He will be prepared to address the proposals of other conference participants and to assist the Commission by offering concrete solutions to controversial problems.

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