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## NYISO Business Issues Committee Meeting Minutes

November 5, 2009

10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

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### 1. Introductions, Meeting Objectives, and Chairman's Report

Mr. Stuart Nachmias (Con Ed), the Chair of the Business Issues Committee (BIC) called the meeting to order 10:05 a.m. and welcomed the members of the BIC. Meeting participants introduced themselves and their affiliations. There was a quorum.

### 2. Market Operations Report

Dr. Nicole Bouchez (NYISO) presented the Market Operations Report. Highlights include: LBMP was lower in October than it was in September. Uplift is trending higher than in October.

### 3. Seams Report

Mr. Robb Pike (NYISO) and Mr. John Buechler (NYISO) provided an update on the Seams report. The presentation was included as part of the meeting material and is posted on the NYISO website. Mr. Pike stated the NYISO is working on the Broader Regional Markets Filing; a cost benefit analysis will be done on a regional basis. Mr. Nachmias requested the complexities of the studies be brought to Market Participants for discussion.

Mr. Buechler reported the Vermont/New York Interconnection Study will be completed soon and discussed at the December IPSAC meeting. Mr. Kevin Jones (LIPA) expressed concerns regarding the assumptions utilized for the New York/PJM Study, he requested a NY Market Participant discussion prior to the IPSAC meeting. Mr. Nachmias added that request was also made at the October BIC. Mr. Buechler stated that a special ESPWG meeting would be scheduled prior to the December IPSAC meeting to provide for stakeholder input.

### 4. Vice Chair Election 2009 – 2010 Term

The Business Issues Committee elected Mr. Bart Franey of National Grid to fill the Vice Chair position for December 2009 through November 2010.

### 5. Strategic Tariff Review- Network Integration Services

Ms. Mollie Lampi (NYISO) reviewed the presentation included in the material.

Mr. Howard Fromer (PSEG) stated a case can be rationally be made that this service is not needed and significant costs can be avoided by eliminated the need to comply with NAESB requirements. He suggested the NYISO convey in its filing to FERC that in the event Market changes occurred and parties saw values in having this service, the NYISO would not be opposed to adding it back.

#### Motion #1:

The Business Issues Committee (BIC) recommends that the Management Committee approve, and recommend to the NYISO Board for filing under Section 205 of the Federal Power Act, amendments to the OATT and Services Tariffs, as described to the BIC this date, November 5,

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2009, to eliminate the transmission service known as Network Integration Transmission Service as redundant and unnecessary to open access to the NYCA transmission system and the NYISO markets because a fully comparable form of financial-reservation based transmission service is available under other provisions of the NYISO Tariffs.

*The motion passed by majority show of hands.*

#### **6. Black Start Program Proposed Changes**

Ms. Kathy Whitaker (NYISO) presented proposed changes to the Black Start Program (see presentation). These changes included revising the steam turbine testing procedure for generators providing local Black Start services in New York City, adding a requirement for Black Start Generator Owners to certify that they have maintained and tested their components according to good industry practice, and referencing the applicable tariff provisions in place of the payment for Services section in the Ancillary Services Manual.

Motion #2:

The Business Issues Committee (BIC) hereby approves proposed changes to the NYISO Black Start Program as presented at the November 5, 2009 BIC meeting.

*The motion passed unanimously with abstentions.*

#### **7. NYISO Public Website Enhancements**

Mr. John Bub (NYISO) provided a presentation on enhancements to the NYISO public website. Screenshots were reviewed to show the updated look and feel which will be available. The committee section of the website (updated in 2008) will maintain its current functionality and the remainder of the website will be updated to have a similar look. This deployment is scheduled for the first week in December, with December 1 being the target date, in recognition of the 10 year anniversary of the NYISO. Two items were noted regarding this deployment.

1. The NYISO clock will only be displayed on the home page and on the ICAP page of the website
2. The URL addresses from the website will be changing (so user bookmarks/favorites would have to be reset)

The enhancements to the website (which were done primarily by internal NYISO resources) will position NYISO to eliminate a costly product which runs the current website. It is anticipated that the licensing of this product can be phased out in the next year which will save the NYISO approximately \$400,000.

#### **8. Long Term Power Contracts Bulletin Board - Update**

Mr. Bub (NYISO) provided a presentation of the Long Term Power Contracting Bulletin Board, as specified by FERC Order 719. It will be added as links on the Market Login Page. These links will go to the PJM website where the functionality resides. The IRC had determined the most cost effective way of providing this functionality was to have it built and hosted at a single ISO/RTO and PJM agreed to do that. This development/functionality is being provided free to the NYISO. This is a public bulletin board over which NYISO has no control.

#### **9. Working Group Updates**

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Billing & Accounting Working Group (BAWG) – The BAWG discussed Grid Accounting Report, Billing Issues Report, Finance Product Management Update, Strategic Tariff Review - Metering Provisions, B & A Manual Update, and Dispute Resolution Discussion Follow up.

Electric System Planning Working Group (ESPWG) – ESPWG members worked on the CARIS report.

Installed Capacity Working Group (ICAP) – ICAP Members reviewed ICAP ROS Withholding Report and ICAP manual revisions.

Interconnection Issues Task Force (IITF) – IITF members discussed External CRIS Rights Tariff Language

Market Issues Working Group (MIWG) – MIWG members reviewed Rest of State Reliability Mitigation, Self Supply of Reserves, Scheduling & Pricing Phase 4: Bid Floor, Interim Improvements in Reference Level Timing, Black Start Changes, TCC Enhancement Features Phase 1 – Multi-Duration, Strategic Tariff Review Project Update, Strategic Tariff Review – Attachment M and N, Strategic Tariff Review – Network Integration.

Price Responsive Load Working Group (PRLWG) - PRLWG members reviewed Order No. 719 compliance filing. This filing supplements the NYISO's May 15, 2009 submission in this docket, in which the NYISO stated that it would provide an additional report on (1) the feasibility of including small demand response resources in the ancillary services markets, and (2) its efforts to allow aggregators of such resources to bid directly into those markets.

## **10. New Business**

There was no new business.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:45