

**UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
BEFORE THE
FEDERAL ENERGY REGULATORY COMMISSION**

Northeast Utilities Service Company

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Docket No. TX04-1-000

**MOTION TO INTERVENE OF THE
NEW YORK INDEPENDENT SYSTEM OPERATOR, INC.**

Pursuant to Rule 214 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure, 18 C.F.R. § 385.214 (2003), and the Commission's March 1, 2004 Notice of Filing in the above-captioned proceeding, the New York Independent System Operator, Inc. ("NYISO") hereby moves to intervene in this proceeding.

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II. Motion to Intervene

The NYISO is the independent body responsible for providing open-access transmission service, maintaining reliability, and administering competitive wholesale electricity markets in New York State. This proceeding involves the “1385 Cables,” underwater A/C transmission cables that comprise a portion of the NYISO’s overall interface with ISO New England (“ISO-NE”). As is explained in the February 6, 2004 letter sent by NYISO and ISO-NE to the Long Island Power Authority (“LIPA”) and Northeast Utilities Service Company (“NUESCO”), included as Attachment A to NUESCO’s February 26, 2004 Application in this proceeding, the continued operation of the 1385 Cables is important both (a) for ensuring reliable service to loads located in transmission-constrained Long Island, New York and southwest Connecticut, and (b) for ensuring economic and efficient transactions within and between the two control areas. As the entity responsible for administering the New York markets and an entity that is responsible for maintaining reliable service in New York State, the NYISO has a direct and substantial interest in this proceeding that cannot be adequately represented by any other party. The NYISO should therefore be permitted to intervene in the above-captioned proceeding and become party thereto for all purposes.

III. Conclusion

The NYISO respectfully requests that the Commission grant its motion to intervene in the above-captioned proceeding, and permit it to become party thereto for all purposes, for the reasons set forth above.

Respectfully submitted,

NEW YORK INDEPENDENT
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March 24, 2004

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that I have this day served the foregoing document upon each party designated on the official service list compiled by the Secretary in Docket No. TX04-1-000, in accordance with the requirements of Rule 2010 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure, 18 C.F.R. § 385.2010 (2003).

Dated at Albany, New York this 24th day of March, 2004.

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