UNITED STATES OF AMERICA BEFORE THE FEDERAL ENERGY REGULATORY COMMISSION

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New York Independent System Operator, Inc.

New York State Electric and Gas Corporation v. New York Independent System Operator, Inc. Docket No. ER00-3591-007, ER00-1969-008, and ER00-3038-004

Docket No. EL00-70-005

REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF TIME TO SUBMIT COMPLIANCE TARIFF SHEETS AND TO IMPLEMENT HYBRID FIXED BLOCK GENERATION PRICING RULE

Pursuant to Rule 212 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure,¹ the New York Independent System Operator, Inc. ("NYISO") hereby respectfully requests an extension of time until September 3, 2001 to submit the revised tariff sheets it was directed to file in the Commission's July 16, 2001 *Order on Compliance Filing* ("July 16 Order")² in the above-captioned proceedings. The NYISO also requests permission to defer implementation of the Commission-approved hybrid fixed block generation pricing rule ("hybrid rule") until the end of the extension period. For the reasons set forth below, the NYISO is submitting this Motion in lieu of the compliance filing that the July 16 Order instructed it to make on July 31, 2001.

¹ 18 C.F.R. § 385.212 (2001).

² 96 FERC ¶ 61,080 (2001).

I. <u>Copies of Correspondence</u>

Copies of all pleadings and other correspondence concerning this motion should be served on the following.

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II. <u>Motion for Extension of Time</u>

Due to the press of other, previously scheduled, high priority summer projects and the additional burdens recently imposed by unexpected, Commission-mandated, short-term project deadlines, the NYISO requires additional time to review the software changes necessary to implement its hybrid rule. Until this review is complete, the NYISO will not be able to develop compliance tariff language that accurately reflects the operation of its software.

The Commission has previously recognized that the NYISO's resources are fully committed to meeting its responsibilities to operate the New York State transmission system, and administer New York's competitive wholesale electricity markets, during the peak summer demand period, while simultaneously "implementing new demand-side management programs, pricing mechanisms and protective measures to ensure a functioning market for Summer 2001.³³ This effort has been greatly complicated by the Commission's recent directive requiring the NYISO to implement the revised localized market power mitigation measures proposed by the Consolidated Edison Company of New York, Inc. in Docket Nos. EL01-45-000 and ER01-1385-000 as rapidly as possible.⁴ The Commission's decision to initiate an expedited mediation process in Docket No. RT01-99-000 for the purpose of developing a single "Northeastern" Regional Transmission Organization, has diverted additional resources.

Under the circumstances, the NYISO believes that a relatively short extension of time to complete the implementation of its hybrid rule is appropriate. The NYISO therefore respectfully moves that the Commission grant it an extension of time it until September 3, 2001 to comply with the July 16 Order's requirements and to implement the hybrid rule.

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³ New York Independent System Operator, Inc., 95 FERC ¶ 61,484, slip op. at 7 (2001).

⁴ See Consolidated Edison Company of New York, Inc., 96 FERC ¶ 61,095 (2001).

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that I have this day served the foregoing document upon each party that is included on the Commission's official service list for Docket Nos. ER00-3591-000, ER00-1969-000, ER00-3038-000 and EL00-70-000, as well as the New York State Public Service Commission and the electric utility regulatory agencies in New Jersey and Pennsylvania.

Dated at Washington, DC this 2nd day of August, 2001.

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