End Use Consumers

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Transmission Planning

- NYS Reliability Study
- Integration of Generation and Transmission
- Reliability = Security and Adequacy
- Financial Mechanisms for Transmission Enhancements

Fuel Diversity and Interactions with Other Energy Sectors

- Increasing Reliance on Gas with Back-up Distillate Oil
- In 1998, Total Gas Consumption was 1,108 TBTU/year
- 20 Article X Units Could Require 710 TBTU/year (64%)
- Current Peak Gas-Day Capacity about 5,700 to 6,000 MDT
- New Generation Could Require 1,800 to 2,500 MDT of Capacity

Strongly Support Price-Responsive Load Effort





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ISO Should Manage The Transition Between Regulation and Competition



Grand Bargain of Deregulation

- Stranded costs are recovered and consumers are able to take advantage of lower prices in the wholesale market
- This is why customers understood that deregulation would result in lower retail prices

Who Benefits From Stranded Costs Recovery?

It was not just the utilities

Generators with above-market PURPA contracts were guaranteed payment



It's Not Just Market Flaws

- Given the grand bargain, consumers would have the right to some protection from price spikes even if they did not result from market flaws
- Unfortunately, there are numerous market flaws that have further undermined consumer confidence in the deregulated market



Conclusion

- The ISO's job is not just to implement a free market – it must manage the transition between regulation and a free market
- The ISO must implement tougher price controls – even cost-based or discriminatory bidding --that can gradually be lifted as market flaws are eliminated and stranded cost recovery ends