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**New York Independent System Operator Announces  
Record Winter Peak Electric Demand**

(ALBANY, NY) - January 19, 2000 - Continued frigid temperatures throughout New York State have driven consumer demand for electricity to record winter levels.

The New York Independent System Operator (NYISO) announced an all-time winter peak electric load of 24,051 Megawatts (MW) for the one - hour period between 5:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m., Tuesday, January 18, 2000. The previous winter peak was set on Thursday, January 14, 1999, when the load was 23,879 MW for a one-hour period.

New York State reaches its highest electric loads during the summer peaking period. The State's all-time record electric load of 30,311 MW was recorded on Tuesday, July 6, 1999.

Formed as part of the restructuring of New York State's electric industry, the NYISO is responsible for operating the bulk power system in New York State and administering the state's competitive wholesale electricity market.