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NYISO CEO HIGHLIGHTS NORTHEAST INTER-REGIONAL COORDINATION AT FERC TECHNICAL CONFERENCE

“Museler explains how New York and neighboring ISO’s are solving “seams issues”

WASHINGTON, DC, TUESDAY JUNE 19, 2001 – At a “technical conference” on Regional Transmission Organizations held yesterday, William J. Museler, President and CEO of the New York Independent System Operator (“NYISO”) presented the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (“FERC”) with a progress update on the Northeast ISO’s coordinated activities to resolve “seams” issues.

Since the Northeast ISO’s evolved differently, differences in market designs and transaction issues at the “seams” have been identified as barriers to efficient region-wide market activity. As part of the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) signed in 1999, the Northeast ISO’s (New York ISO, PJM and ISO New England Ontario IMO) have given resolution of the “seams” issues the highest priority.

“We believe the future vision of a regional Northeast market should be pursued through the MOU in a collaborative manner involving Market Participants, the FERC and State Commissions,” said Museler. “The progress already demonstrated through the resolution of seams issues demonstrates a good model for how we can go forward.”

MOU activities to resolve “seams” issues have been accelerating and a number of significant improvements have been accomplished during the past year including: NY/NE Reserve Sharing, PJM Ramp Limit Improvements, and Transmission Reservation Scheduling Improvements in New England.

“The benefit of this approach in moving toward regionalization is that it takes into account the specialized knowledge and expertise of the stakeholders in each region to create larger regional markets,” said Museler.

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The New York Independent System Operator (“NYISO”)—www.nyiso.com-- is a not-for-profit corporation established in 1999 to facilitate the restructuring of New York State’s electric industry. Based in New York’s Capital Region, in addition to administering the State’s wholesale energy markets, the NYISO operates the State’s high voltage electric transmission system. Last year, the NYISO’s market volume exceeded \$5.2 billion, more than all of the other Northeast markets combined.