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## **All-Time New York Electric Consumption Record May Be Set Tomorrow (Tuesday, August 7, 2001), says NYISO**

### **- Consumers Urged To Use Energy Wisely -**

(Guilderland, New York – August 6, 2001) – The New York Independent System Operator (NYISO) announced today that because of projected hot weather and humidity, it expects to see a peak statewide electric load of approximately 30,450 MW on Tuesday, August 7, 2001. The previous state record for electricity demand was 30,311 MW, set on July 6, 1999.

The NYISO emphasized that current projections indicate that it should have enough system resources available to meet statewide demand, plus the operational reserve requirement of 1,800 MW during the peak hour of 4:00 p.m. tomorrow. However, it encouraged New York State consumers to be wise about their energy use given the tight margin between supply and demand.

Among the steps consumers can take to use energy wisely include:

- Set air conditioning to a higher temperature than normal;
- Postpone the use of major appliances like washing machines, electric stoves, clothes dryers and dishwashers until the cooler evening hours;
- Draw curtains and blinds during the sunny part of the day to prevent solar heating and keep the cooler air inside; and
- Turn off lights when not needed.

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*The NYISO is a not-for-profit corporation established in 1999 to facilitate the restructuring of New York State's electric industry. 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 (including energy, ancillary services, ICAP and TCC auctions) exceeded \$5.2 billion, more than all of the other Northeast markets combined.*