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## **New York ISO Issues Public Appeal For Consumers To Sharply Reduce Electricity Demand Today and Tomorrow**

### **- New York State Expected To Set All Time Energy Use Record -**

(Guilderland, New York – August 8, 2001) – The New York Independent System Operator (NYISO) today called upon New York State residents and businesses to take action to reduce their electricity consumption today and tomorrow to help support the State's electric grid. With the third day of temperatures in the 90-plus degree range, and high humidity, the NYISO projects that new all-time New York State electricity consumption records are likely to be set today and tomorrow. Today's forecast is for a peak load of 31,968 MW, bettering yesterday's record breaking consumption of 30,509 MW by 1,459 MW.

Among the steps consumers can take to reduce electricity demand 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;
- Turn off lights when not needed; and
- Open attic vents to relieve strain on cooling systems.

In addition to asking consumers to conserve, the NYISO will also be taking a number of other steps to reduce electricity consumption.

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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.*