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**The New York ISO Acts to Prevent Summer Power Emergencies:  
Announces Emergency Demand Response Program**

January 30, 2001, Guilderland, NY... The New York Independent System Operator (NYISO), the entity charged with operating the State's bulk power grid, announced plans to implement an Emergency Demand Response Program (EDRP) in the event of a power emergency. William J. Museler, NYISO President and CEO, said, "This is a major step the NYISO is taking to promote greater participation in demand management."

The program is a collaborative effort of NYISO market participants, including several electric utilities that will coordinate their emergency programs with the NYISO's EDRP. Curtailment Service Providers (CSP) will coordinate the program for individual customers. Customers participating in the program can reduce their consumption by either interrupting load or switching to emergency standby generators when requested by the NYISO. If called upon, the responsible CSP will be paid the higher of \$500 per mWh or the Real-time zonal clearing price. The NYISO expects that it can obtain 200 to 300 megawatts of such load to assist the power system during summer peak periods.

As a precaution against the loss of a generator or major transmission line, the NYISO is normally required to have 1800 MW of operating reserve power available (above the current load) at a moments notice. Sometimes during summer peak periods, it can be difficult maintaining this "reserve pool" of energy. If system conditions indicate the NYISO's operating reserve requirement might dip below the required level, NYISO operators could implement the EDRP along with other precautions.

Museler went on to say, "The EDRP would supplement the current safeguards already built into the NYISO operating procedures. This voluntary program will provide New York with load relief during tight power situations and offer financial incentives to qualified loads that participate when called upon." The EDRP will be effective May 1, 2001.