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New York's All-Time Electric Consumption Record May Be Set Tomorrow (Tuesday, July 30, 2002), says NYISO

- Consumers Urged To Use Energy Wisely -

(Guilderland, New York – July 29, 2002) – The New York Independent System Operator (NYISO), the organization charged with managing New York State's electric power grid and wholesale electricity markets, announced today that because of projected hot weather and humidity, it expects to see a record statewide electric load of approximately 31,065 MW on Tuesday, July 30, 2002. The previous State record for electricity demand was 30,983 MW, set on August 9, 2001.

Because of the extremely tight margin between available generating resources and forecasted demand, the NYISO encourages all New York State consumers to take steps to reduce electricity consumption tomorrow.

Steps consumers can take to conserve energy 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, computers and other electric appliances when not needed; and
- Consider visiting a mall, or swimming area during the warm afternoon hours to keep cool.

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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 \$5.6 billion, more than all of the other Northeast markets combined.