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**New York Independent System Operator (NYISO)
Announces Record Winter Peak Electric Demand**

Increase in Consumer Demand Driven by Northeastern Cold Snap.

Guilderland, NY – Continued frigid temperatures throughout New York State have driven consumer demand for electricity to record winter levels.

The New York Independent System Operator (NYISO) announced the all-time winter peak electric load of 24,627 Megawatts (MW) for Wednesday, January 14. The previous winter peak was set on January 23, 2003, when the load was 24,453 MW.

The NYISO is projecting this new record could be short-lived as a new mark for New York could be set today. Peaks are measurements of the average total electric demand by consumers for a one-hour period. Generally, those peaks are reached in late afternoon in both the winter and summer.

New York State reaches its highest electric loads during the summer peaking period. The state's all-time record electric load of 30,983 MW was recorded on August 9, 2001.

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The New York Independent System Operator (NYISO) – www.nyiso.org – 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 was nearly \$7 billion.