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

Thursday's Record Eclipses Peak Set on Wednesday.

Guilderland, NY – For the second straight day, frigid temperatures in New York State have resulted in a new record for consumer electricity demand.

The New York Independent System Operator (NYISO), which operates the state's high voltage electric transmission system, announced the all-time winter peak electric load of 25,262 Megawatts (MW) for Thursday, January 15. The previous record was set just one day earlier, when the arctic weather across New York caused consumer demand for electricity to reach 24,627 MW.

Last winter, the NYISO also saw the record fall on two consecutive days, when the peak electric load reached 24,438 MW on January, 22, 2003, and then 24,453 MW the following day. To put the demand for electricity in perspective, a large retail shopping mall requires roughly 10 MW of electricity to operate.

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 winter and summer. Despite the high demand experienced over the past several days, the system operated by the NYISO has adequate supplies of electricity for New York.

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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.