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The New York ISO Creates Prestigious Environmental Council
Panel includes industry experts from across the country.

(Guilderland, N.Y.) – The New York Independent System Operator (NYISO) has announced the creation of an Environmental Advisory Council to help guide the NYISO in creating and maintaining its environmental policies.

The seven-member Council is made up of industry experts with substantial experience in electric power generation and transmission, environmental policy, science, technology, regulatory affairs, renewable energy and demand response.

"We have assembled an outstanding group of professionals and industry leaders to assist the NYISO with one of its core business objectives – to continue to operate and grow in an environmentally responsible way," said William J. Museler, President and CEO of the NYISO. "In my view there is no stronger committee of this type in the country to help us maintain our commitment to environmental stewardship."

The NYISO Board of Directors has adopted a policy that requires it to consider the environmental consequences of NYISO's policies and operations, and to balance the risks of harm to the environment against the benefits. The Council will help NYISO staff achieve the objectives of this policy.

The Council, which will meet for the first time in November, will provide guidance to identify, evaluate and remedy the environmental implications of existing or planned activities regarding such functions as market design, system operations and reliability, electric system planning and strategic planning. The Council is also charged with providing expert opinion on national industry issues that may affect the environment in New York and elsewhere. NYISO staff will chair the Council.

The NYISO Environmental Advisory Council

Richard Cowart
Director of The Regulatory Assistance Project, a nonprofit corporation formed in 1992 that provides research, analysis, and educational assistance to public officials on electric utility regulation.

Charles Goldman
Staff scientist and group leader in the Electricity Markets and Policy Group at Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory. He has published more than 80 articles and reports on industry topics.

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Brendan Kirby

Senior Researcher with Oakridge National Labs. He served on the DOE Investigation Team for the 2003 Blackout.

Michael Miller

Vice President for Environment at the Electric Power Research Institute (EPRI). He is responsible for leading EPRI's environmental programs on global sustainability, air quality, climate, water quality, and land/groundwater issues.

Frank Murray

Senior Advisor to New York-based Ecology and Environment, Inc., an internationally recognized environmental consulting/management firm. He has served as a consultant to the U.S. Department of Energy and as the Commissioner of the New York State Energy Office.

Robert J. Ringlee

Retired professional engineering consultant with years of experience working with General Electric Co. and Power Technologies, Inc. of Schenectady. His professional activities are in the areas of high voltage power equipment, development, design, and power system operation and planning.

Susan Tierney

Managing Principal in the Analysis Group, a Boston-based economic, financial and strategy consulting firm. She has also served as Massachusetts Secretary for Environmental Affairs and as Assistant Secretary for Policy at the U.S. Department of Energy, and Commissioner of the Massachusetts Department of Public Utilities.

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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. The NYISO's market volume was nearly $7 billion in 2003.