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The New York ISO to Host Power Grid Reliability Conference

Forum Provides Opportunity to Review Reliability Needs Process.

Rensselaer, NY – The New York Independent System Operator (NYISO) will host a conference to discuss its recently released electric Reliability Needs Assessment and provide stakeholders and the public an opportunity to comment.

The conference will be held from 2 to 5 p.m., Thursday, February 9, at the New York State Nurses Association, 11 Cornell Road in Latham.

The conference will provide stakeholders and residents with an opportunity to review the process used by the NYISO to address the state's future electric reliability needs. The NYISO's Reliability Needs Assessment (RNA) evaluates electricity generation and transmission needs over a 10-year planning horizon.

The RNA process could result in new generation additions and transmission upgrades, as well as stepped-up demand response programs. Ultimately, the Comprehensive Reliability Plan (CRP) will help the NYISO and its stakeholders evaluate proposed solutions to meet the state's long-range reliability needs.

To attend the conference, please contact Leigh Bullock at lbullock@nyiso.com by 5 p.m., Wednesday, February 8. Media members may contact Ken Klapp at 518-356-6253, or e-mail kklapp@nyiso.com

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