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## **NYISO Names Rick Gonzales Vice President of Operations**

Rensselaer, N.Y. – The New York Independent System Operator (NYISO) has named Rick Gonzales as its new Vice President of Operations.

Mr. Gonzales, an electricity industry veteran who has been with the NYISO since it began operations in 1999, was promoted to the position from his role as Director of Energy Market Operations.

“Rick Gonzales’ promotion is very well-deserved. He has firsthand knowledge of the NYISO’s operational responsibilities gained through twenty years of direct experience with the NYISO and its predecessor, the New York Power Pool. His familiarity with our people and processes, his knowledge of the electricity industry, and his commitment to the mission of the NYISO all combine to make him uniquely qualified to lead our Operations team,” said Mark S. Lynch, the NYISO’s President and CEO.

In his new job, Mr. Gonzales will be responsible for the NYISO’s Operations Department, including Grid Operations, Energy Market Operations, Transmission Congestion Contract Operations, and Auxiliary Market Operations.

Mr. Gonzales has a total of 25 years of experience in the electricity industry, primarily in the area of power control center operations engineering and ISO energy market operations.

He joined the staff of the New York Power Pool in 1987, where he worked in a variety of engineering and management positions until the Power Pool’s responsibilities were assumed by the NYISO in 1999. He also worked for Northeast Utilities at the Connecticut Valley Electric Exchange from 1983 to 1987.

Mr. Gonzales earned a bachelor’s degree and a master’s degree in Electrical Engineering from Clarkson University, Potsdam, NY. He is a registered Professional Engineer in the State of New York.

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