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NYISO Board Announces New President and CEO

Stephen G. Whitley, ISO-NE Senior Vice President and COO, named to post

Rensselaer, N.Y. – The Board of Directors of the New York Independent System Operator (NYISO) today announced the selection of Stephen G. Whitley as President and Chief Executive Officer, effective July 7.

Mr. Whitley is a 38-year veteran of the energy industry, with extensive experience in bulk power system planning and operations. In his seven-year tenure as senior vice president and chief operating officer of ISO New England (ISO-NE) Mr. Whitley was responsible for System Planning, System Operations, Market Operations, Settlements, Customer Service and North American Electric Reliability Corporation/Northeast Power Coordinating Council (NERC/NPCC) compliance.

Mr. Whitley previously served as ISO-NE Vice President, System Operations from 2000 to 2001. Prior to coming to ISO New England, he completed a 30-year career with the Tennessee Valley Authority where he last served as General Manager, Electric System Operations of the Transmission Power Supply Group and was responsible for control area operations, power supply, economic dispatch, system protection, transmission security, and services and dispatching.

"Steve Whitley brings an impressive array of talents and expertise to the NYISO. He has a well-demonstrated commitment to excellence in the operation of the bulk electricity grid and the administration of wholesale electricity markets," said NYISO Board Chair and Interim CEO Karen Antion.

"I am deeply honored to become the President and CEO of the NYISO," said Mr. Whitley. "I welcome the opportunity to work with the NYISO's employees, stakeholders, and government officials as we build upon the good work already accomplished by this talented group of industry professionals."

Mr. Whitley is a member of the Electric Power Research Institute (EPRI) Grid Operations - Power Delivery and Markets Sector Council, member of the NPCC Board of Directors, and a member of the Executive Committee of CIGRE (International Council on Large Electric Systems), U.S. Committee.

He earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Electrical Engineering from Tennessee Technological University prior to beginning his electricity industry career with the TVA.

Mr. Whitley is a retired Colonel in the U. S. Army Reserve and the former commanding officer of the 3397th Garrison Support Unit, Fort Campbell, Kentucky. He retired after a distinguished 30-year career, which included active duty in Operation Desert Storm in 1990 and 1991.

The NYISO's selection is a result of a nationwide search conducted for the NYISO Board by Heidrick & Struggles, a leading executive search firm.

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The New York Independent System Operator (NYISO) – www.nyiso.com – is a not-for-profit corporation that began operations in 1999. The NYISO operates New York's bulk electricity grid, administers the state's wholesale electricity markets, and performs comprehensive reliability planning for the state's bulk electricity system.