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NYISO Information Technology Excellence Recognized
Winner of Spring 2008 Storage Networking World Best Practices Award for Storage Reliability and Data Recovery

Rensselaer, N.Y. – The New York Independent System Operator (NYISO) has earned a "Best Practices in Storage Award" from Storage Networking World, in conjunction with *Computerworld* magazine and the Storage Networking Industry Association (SNIA).

The NYISO won the award in the category of "Storage Reliability and Data Recovery." The NYISO was one of five finalists in the category.

The award acknowledges implementation strategies and programs to insure highly available information and data access. Business continuity initiatives (such as back-up plans, staging, performance testing/projections, etc.) and restart/recovery factors (time to restart and restore, data loss, etc.) were among the evaluation criteria.

The award was presented to the NYISO based on its successful data center consolidation and development of an innovative disaster recovery architecture that increases virtualization, availability, and utilization while reducing complexity and administration time.

"As operator of New York's bulk electricity grid and administrator of the state's wholesale electricity markets, the NYISO must be up and running around the clock. The necessity of a continuous flow of electricity demands systems that provide a continuous flow of information. We are committed to excellence and pleased to have our efforts recognized as 'best practices' by the industry," said Karen Antion, the NYISO's Board Chair and interim CEO.

"It is very gratifying to have our efforts recognized by this award and we are proud to even be included in the impressive array of world class companies that were finalists. Winning this prestigious award is another step in our quest for excellence in providing IT services to the NYISO and its customers," said S. Kennedy Fell, NYISO Vice President and Chief Information Officer.

In addition to the award category won by the NYISO, other Storage Networking World Best Practices awards included "Innovation and Promise" won by Fleet Management Limited, "Planning, Designing and Building a Strategic Storage Infrastructure" won by Infosys Technologies Limited, and "Selecting and Deploying Storage Networks" won by NASCAR Media Group. Other finalists for awards in the various categories included Microsoft Studios, Sprint Nextel, Livermore Computing, and General Motors Corporation.

The award winners were announced at the Spring 2008 Storage Networking World conference held April 7-10 in Orlando, Florida. For more information, please visit: www.snwusa.com.

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