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NYISO Earns Sixth Consecutive Clean Audit

Independent audit certifies the NYISO's internal controls in unqualified opinion.

Rensselaer, NY – For the sixth consecutive year, the New York Independent System Operator (NYISO) has earned an unqualified, or "clean," SAS 70 Type 2 audit opinion.

The independent audit by KPMG LLP found that the NYISO's controls were complete, accurate and in accordance with the standards established by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants (AICPA). The audit covers the period from November 16, 2006 through November 15, 2007.

"Six consistently clean audits are the result of hard work by everyone at the NYISO and our vigorous commitment to excellence in operating New York's bulk electricity grid and administering the state's competitive wholesale electricity markets," said Mark S. Lynch, the NYISO's President and CEO.

The NYISO, a not-for-profit corporation, voluntarily submitted to the rigorous audit to provide the assurance of a thorough assessment to Market Participants and their financial auditors that the NYISO's controls are accurately presented, suitably designed, and operating effectively.

The audit reviewed the controls governing the NYISO's marketplace activities, including its Market Information System, Day-Ahead and Real-Time scheduling, bidding, and customer settlements.

Statement on Auditing Standards (SAS) No. 70, *Service Organizations*, is an auditing standard developed by the AICPA. The SAS 70 audit report includes the auditor's opinion on the fairness of the presentation of the service organization's description of its controls and the suitability of the design of those controls. As a Type 2 audit report, it also included the auditor's opinion on whether specific controls were operating effectively during the period under review.

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The New York Independent System Operator (NYISO) – <u>www.nyiso.com</u> – 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 state's bulk electricity system.