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NYISO Hosts China's Grid Operator

Delegation to learn about New York's best practices

Rensselaer, N.Y. – The New York Independent System Operator (NYISO) is hosting representatives from the State Grid Corporation of China today to discuss best practices in electric grid operations.

The NYISO administers one of the world's most advanced markets for electricity, and operates New York's high voltage transmission system. As such, the NYISO regularly provides informational briefings to representatives from other grid operators, energy regulators, investors, governments, manufacturers, and utilities. The topics of these briefings range from highly technical material to basic information about the electricity system, grid operations, and market design.

The State Grid Corporation of China is a state-owned enterprise that builds and operates power grids serving 26 Chinese provinces, autonomous regions, and municipalities. The briefing by the NYISO will focus on planning for power system emergencies, dispatcher training, and other ways to prevent blackouts and system disturbances.

Over the years, more than 1,000 representatives from 57 nations have visited the NYISO. As the NYISO approaches its tenth anniversary, international interest remains keen. So far this year, the NYISO has hosted international visitors from seven countries.

"The NYISO is proud of its status as one of the world's most advanced ISOs. Sharing our best practices with other grid operators helps to bolster electric system reliability across the globe," said Stephen G. Whitley, NYISO President & CEO.

Independent System Operators (ISOs), such as the NYISO, and Regional Transmission Organizations (RTOs) are responsible for the reliable and economic operation of a majority of the nation's transmission system, with over two-thirds of America's electricity customers relying on ISOs and RTOs to "keep the lights on."

The recently issued *2008 State of the Market Report: New York ISO*, prepared by Potomac Economics, notes that "the NYISO markets are at the forefront of market design and have been a model for market development in other areas."

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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 conducts comprehensive planning for the state's bulk electricity system.