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NYISO Hosts Electricity Reliability Forum *Public session to review 2009 Reliability Needs Assessment*

Rensselaer, NY – On March 25, 2009, the New York Independent System Operator (NYISO) will host a forum to present the results of its *2009 Reliability Needs Assessment* (RNA). The meeting will be held at 3:00 pm in the Peter A.A. Berle Conference Center at the NYISO's Krey Corporate Center in Rensselaer.

The NYISO will present the report in this forum to provide transparency and to allow stakeholders and the general public to ask questions regarding the methodology and results of the study.

The RNA is the first step in NYISO's multi-staged planning process. It looks out over the upcoming ten-year period to examine the primary factors that influence ongoing system reliability in New York – changes in the use and supply of electricity. The overall assessment of the *2009 RNA* is for continued statewide system reliability; while usage is expected to grow, supply is forecast to outpace it.

The *2009 RNA* was developed within the NYISO's joint stakeholder process, which provides input from regulators and market participants who supply, use, transmit, and trade energy in New York's wholesale electricity markets. The studies were conducted in accordance with all applicable reliability criteria of the North American Electric Reliability Corporation, the Northeast Power Coordinating Council, and the New York State Reliability Council.

The *2009 RNA* reports that New York State's electric power resources (generation, transmission, and demand-side programs) are expected to meet the state's electric reliability criteria for the next ten years (2009-2018). Last year's RNA had forecast that planned resources were only expected to be adequate through 2011. The primary factors influencing the change in outlook are additions to generation, demand response, and energy efficiency.

The full *2009 Reliability Needs Assessment* or a brief version of the report, the *Reliability Summary 2009-2018*, may be downloaded from the NYISO website – www.nyiso.com.

The event is free of charge, but registration must be received by March 23.

Interested attendees can register online by clicking the "RSVP here" link on the NYISO Committee Calendar located at: <http://www.nyiso.com/public/committees/calendar/index.jsp>

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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 reliability and resource planning for the state's bulk electricity system.