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NYISO Hosts Symposium on Critical Energy Issues *FERC Acting Chairman Will Deliver Keynote Address*

Rensselaer, NY - With electricity production and delivery infrastructure high on the national agenda, the New York Independent System Operator (NYISO) will bring together experts from across the country to discuss critical issues in electric energy at its annual symposium. The event, *Foundation to the Future: Infrastructure, Innovation, Investment*, will take place on April 30 at the Desmond Hotel & Conference Center in Albany, NY.

The symposium program includes as keynote speaker Jon Wellingshoff, who was named Acting Chairman of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) by President Barack Obama in January 2009, and four panel discussions.

The panel discussions will feature energy, infrastructure, and investment experts, and will focus on:

- Renewables and Renewable Portfolio Standard (RPS) requirements
- Integrating renewables and transmission infrastructure
- Dynamic retail pricing
- Challenges in funding infrastructure investment

Parties expected to participate in the symposium include policymakers and regulators, energy sector professionals, legal and financial advisors, economists, energy developers, large energy users, environmental managers and consultants, news media representatives, and members of business organizations and nonprofit groups.

The event is free but due to space limitations, early registration is encouraged. Interested persons may register through the symposium website, <http://www.nyiso.com/public/2009symposium/index.htm> or by calling Debbie Doyle at the NYISO, (518) 356-6274.

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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.