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NYISO Names New Members to Board of Directors

Ave M. Bie and Michael B. Bemis to join NYISO Board in April

Rensselaer, NY – The New York Independent System Operator (NYISO) has announced the unanimous election of Ave M. Bie and Michael B. Bemis to its Board of Directors. The new Directors will begin service in April 2009.

The selection of Ms. Bie and Mr. Bemis was the culmination of a participatory process in which Market Participants from commercial interests, government agencies, and citizen's organizations conducted a nationwide search and recommended potential directors to the Board.

The NYISO Board is a diverse body comprised of members with backgrounds in the electric industry, environmental conservation, finance, academics, technology, and communications. It is required by its federally approved tariffs to be independent.

“The addition of Ave Bie and Mike Bemis reflects our Board’s continuing determination to work with the State and our Market Participants to realize an even brighter energy future for New York. We believe they will be a real help in advancing New York’s energy markets while persevering in our efforts to control electricity costs. They will bring a new wealth of talent and experience in the electric utility and power industry, consumer advocacy and public policy,” said Karen Antion, NYISO Board Chair.

Ave M. Bie

Ms. Bie, of Madison, Wisconsin, is a former Chair of the Wisconsin Public Service Commission. She is a partner in the law firm of Quarles & Brady.

Ms. Bie was a member of the Wisconsin Public Service Commission from 1998 to 2004, where she was a strong advocate for consumer concerns. She chaired the Commission from 1999 to 2003. She served in a number of other capacities in Wisconsin government during her twenty-five years of state service, including Deputy Secretary of the Department of Corrections and as Deputy Secretary of the State Department of Regulation and Licensing.

She is a member of the Board of Directors of the Green Bay Packers, Inc.

Ms. Bie earned a Juris Doctorate from the University of Wisconsin – Madison and a Bachelors of Arts from the University of Wisconsin – Eau Claire.

Michael B. Bemis

Mr. Bemis, of Madison, Mississippi, has over three decades of experience as an executive in the electric utility industry.

He served Exelon Corporation as President of Exelon Power and President of Energy Delivery, responsible for the company’s transmission, distribution, and customer service functions. Exelon distributes electricity and gas to approximately 5.4 million customers in Illinois and Pennsylvania.

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Prior to joining Exelon, Mr. Bemis worked nearly two decades with Entergy Corporation in a number of executive positions including Executive Vice President of International Operations, serving as Chief Executive Officer of London Electricity, with responsibility for Entergy's international businesses in the United Kingdom, Australia, and Argentina. He also served as Executive Vice President of Customer and Retail Service; as President and Chief Operating Officer for Mississippi Power & Light, Louisiana Power & Light, and New Orleans Public Service; and as Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer for Arkansas Power & Light.

Prior to entering the energy industry, he was a partner with Deloitte, Haskin and Sells, where he was a designated firm specialist in the electric utility industry.

Mr. Bemis earned a Bachelors of Science in accounting from the University of Southern Mississippi and attended a number of executive development programs, including Harvard's Advanced Management Program.

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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.