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## **NYISO Ready to Help Achieve Governor's Energy Goals** *Powerful Initiatives "Energize the Empire State"*

**Rensselaer, NY** – In response to Governor David Paterson's 2009 State of the State Address, Stephen G. Whitley, President and CEO of the New York Independent System Operator (NYISO), offered the following comments:

"The 2009 State of the State message displays a serious commitment to addressing the energy needs of New York. Governor Paterson has proposed initiatives that can help energize the Empire State today and in the future."

"The Governor's plans to increase energy efficiency, expand renewable resources, increase investment in energy infrastructure and spur advances in energy research should yield economic, environmental and reliability benefits for all New Yorkers. NYISO's competitive wholesale markets will continue to provide the vehicle for accomplishing these objectives."

"By presenting clear proposals for the expansion of renewables and the development of battery storage technology for the development of Plug-In Hybrid Vehicles, the Governor recognizes the link between these two very diverse resources. The energy storage capability made possible with battery technology will enable the most efficient use of intermittent renewable resources like wind."

"However, investment in the transmission system is vital. Power from remote wind farms must be able to get to consumers for the benefits to be fully realized. This is critical in light of the fact that we have approximately 8,000 MW of wind projects interested in interconnecting to the grid. Combined with energy efficiency, this will help lower costs to consumers, diversify our energy mix and improve system reliability."

"We applaud the Governor for recognizing that it is the time now to build the necessary generation and transmission infrastructure to meet the future needs of New York. We look forward to working with the Governor and the State Legislature to leverage the advantages of New York's wholesale electricity markets to best serve the economic, environmental and energy needs of the Empire State."

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