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NYISO Board Retains Former FERC Commissioner as Strategic Energy Policy Advisor

Rensselaer, N.Y.—The Board of Directors of the New York Independent System Operator (NYISO) today announced that Suedeem Kelly, former commissioner with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC), will serve as a strategic energy policy advisor. Ms. Kelly will provide advice to the board on issues of strategic importance to the NYISO and its mission.

“Suedeem Kelly is an internationally-recognized energy industry veteran, and she will provide valuable perspective to our board on a wide range of energy policy issues,” said NYISO Board Chair Karen Antion. “Her wealth of experience in the energy industry, her in-depth knowledge of key policy issues and her experience working as a regulator at both the state and national levels will make her a valuable asset to the NYISO.”

Ms. Kelly will provide advice to the Board of Directors on consumer issues, emerging state and national issues and other issues affecting New York’s electric system. A key priority for Ms. Kelly will be to advise the board on the impacts to end-use consumers of any potential changes in the NYISO’s market design and operations.

A native of Rochester, N.Y., Ms. Kelly served three terms as a FERC commissioner under Presidents Bush and Obama. During her tenure at FERC, Ms. Kelly spearheaded several key regulatory policy initiatives, including integration of renewables into the grid, transmission interconnection and planning reform, deployment of smart grid technology to the transmission grid and the inclusion of smart grid demonstration grants in the stimulus effort.

In addition to her FERC experience, Ms. Kelly served as regulatory counsel for the California Independent System Operator and was a law professor at the University of New Mexico where she taught energy law, utility regulation, administrative law and regulatory process. Ms. Kelly also served as a legislative aide to Senator Jeff Bingaman, then the ranking member of the Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee, and she also served as chairwoman and commissioner for the Public Service Commission of New Mexico.

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