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NYISO Hosts Electricity Reliability Forum

Public session to review 2010 Reliability Needs Assessment

Rensselaer, NY—On October 4, 2010, the New York Independent System Operator (NYISO) will host a forum to present the results of its *2010 Reliability Needs Assessment* (RNA). The meeting will be held at 10 a.m. in the Peter A.A. Berle Conference Center at the NYISO's Krey Corporate Center in Rensselaer.

"The NYISO will present the *2010 RNA* to allow stakeholders and the general public to become better informed about the methodology and results of the study. It is part of our continuing commitment to open, transparent planning for the future needs of New York's electric system," said Stephen G. Whitley, NYISO president and CEO.

The *2010 RNA* reports that New York State's electric power resources (generation, transmission and demand-side programs) are expected to meet the state's electricity reliability needs through 2020, assuming energy efficiency programs and planned resource additions proceed as anticipated and no significant facilities are retired from service.

The assessment also looked at several risk scenarios that could adversely impact electric system reliability, including the following:

- A stronger than expected economic recovery could pose reliability risks in 2019, absent the projected impact of energy efficiency programs.
- The Indian Point retirement scenario showed reliability violations in 2016 if both units retired when their current licenses expire. Impacts would include loss of power supply and transmission voltage support affecting the metropolitan New York region.
- The combined impact of proposed environmental regulations including control technology requirements for nitrogen oxides (NO_x), as well as a proposed policy requiring power plants to utilize closed cycle cooling and other regulatory initiatives could result in unplanned plant retirements that may impact reliability.
- The assessment indicates that the retirement of more than 1,000 MW of generating capacity from the Long Island, New York City or Lower Hudson Valley regions would pose reliability risks. The assessment additionally notes that specific plant retirements could cause transmission problems.

The *2010 RNA* was developed within the NYISO's stakeholder process, which allows regulators and market participants who supply, use, transmit and trade energy in New York's wholesale electricity markets, as well as other interested parties, to provide input. A copy of [2010 RNA](#) is available on the NYISO website—www.nyiso.com.

The public forum is free of charge, but registration must be received by noon on Friday, October 1 to participate in person. The proceedings also will be available via the Web. 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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