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NYISO Hosts Symposium on the Future of the Grid

April 27 Event to Focus on Making the Grid Smarter, Cleaner and Greener

Rensselaer, N.Y.—The New York Independent System Operator (NYISO) will host a symposium, *Planning the Sustainable Grid of the Future*, on Tuesday, April 27, 2010, at the Desmond Hotel & Conference Center in Albany, N.Y. The conference will bring together experts from across the country to discuss critical issues in electric energy and grid reliability.

Panel discussions at the symposium will feature energy, planning and environmental experts, and will focus on:

- Development of broader regional markets for wholesale electricity
- The electric industry and the carbon constrained economy
- Enhanced interregional planning for the electric system and integration of clean and renewable energy resources

"New York State, the Northeast, and the nation are facing an array of crucial energy choices," said Stephen G. Whitley, NYISO president and CEO. "The NYISO symposium will provide a forum to discuss the most viable solutions to sustain reliability and make the grid cleaner, greener, and smarter."

Symposium attendees will 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 to attend. However, early registration is encouraged due to limited space available. If interested, registration is through the NYISO's symposium website, <u>www.nyiso.com/public/2010Symposium/index.htm</u>, or by calling Debbie Doyle at the NYISO at (518) 356-6274.

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The New York Independent System Operator (NYISO) 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 planning for the state's bulk electricity system.