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## **NYISO Restructures Leadership Team**

### ***Rick Gonzales Named Chief Operating Officer***

Rensselaer, N.Y. – The New York Independent System Operator (NYISO) has named Rick Gonzales as its new Chief Operating Officer, as part of a reorganization of its leadership team.

Mr. Gonzales, an electricity industry veteran who has been with the NYISO since it began operations in 1999, was promoted to the position from his role as Vice President of Operations.

“Rick Gonzales has extensive, direct experience with the grid operations of the NYISO and its predecessor, the New York Power Pool. He is particularly well qualified to serve as Chief Operating Officer, given his knowledge and understanding of the NYISO’s vital responsibilities in operating the bulk electricity grid and managing the wholesale electricity markets of New York,” said Stephen G. Whitley, NYISO President and CEO.

In his new role, Mr. Gonzales will be responsible for NYISO Grid Reliability and Market Operations as well as System Planning and Information Technology.

Mr. Gonzales has several decades of experience in the electricity industry, primarily in the area of power control center operations engineering and NYISO energy market operations.

He joined the staff of the New York Power Pool in 1987, where he worked in a variety of engineering and management positions until the Power Pool’s responsibilities were assumed by the NYISO in 1999. He also worked for Northeast Utilities at the Connecticut Valley Electric Exchange from 1983 to 1987.

Mr. Gonzales earned a bachelor’s degree and a master’s degree in Electrical Engineering from Clarkson University, Potsdam, NY. He is a registered Professional Engineer in the State of New York.

As part of the restructuring, the NYISO named Richard Dewey as Senior Vice President – Information Technology. He will immediately assume a rotational assignment to lead the System Operations organization for 18 months, reporting to Rick Gonzales. Mr. Dewey has served as the NYISO’s Vice President and Chief Information Officer since October 2008. His career at the NYISO has also included service as Director of Product & Project Management, Manager of IT Strategic Software Development and Manager of IT Quality Assurance. His new responsibilities will include direct supervision of grid operations as well as management of the NYISO Infrastructure Master Plan and federally funded Smart Grid initiative.

Rana Mukerji was named Senior Vice President – Market Structures. He joined the NYISO in May 2006. His energy industry experience includes executive positions with ABB in Raleigh and Zurich and with General Electric in Schenectady. His responsibilities include Market Design, Product & Project Management, Strategic & Business Planning, and Market Training. He is leading the NYISO’s Broader Regional Markets initiative in cooperation with New York’s neighboring grid operators.

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The New York Independent System Operator (NYISO) is a not-for-profit corporation responsible for operating the state’s bulk electricity grid, administering New York’s competitive wholesale electricity markets, conducting comprehensive long-term planning for the state’s electric power system, and advancing the technological infrastructure of the electric system serving the Empire State.