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Public Officials and Energy Professionals to Explore Future of the Grid at NYISO Symposium

***Panels to Focus on Broader Regional Markets, the Carbon Constrained Economy
and Enhanced Interregional Planning for the Electric System***

Rensselaer, N.Y.—The New York Independent System Operator (NYISO) has announced the moderators and panelists for its symposium, *Planning the Sustainable Grid of the Future*, being held Tuesday, April 27, 2010, at the Desmond Hotel & Conference Center in Albany, N.Y.

The NYISO's annual symposium will bring together 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 to discuss critical issues in electric energy and grid reliability.

Garry A. Brown, chairman, NYS Public Service Commission, will moderate the first panel, "Grids Without Walls – Developing Broader Regional Markets," which will be held from 9:30 – 11:15 a.m. This panel will focus on the value of enhanced regional power markets as well as the benefits and challenges associated with improving regional market efficiency.

Panel one participants will include, Gordon van Welie, president and CEO, ISO-New England; Terry Boston, president and CEO, PJM Interconnection; Steve Whitley, president and CEO, NYISO; Kevin Burke, president and CEO, ConEd; and Assemblyman Kevin Cahill, chair, NYS Assembly Energy Committee.

The second panel, titled, "The Carbon Constrained Economy," will be moderated by Paul A. DeCotis, vice president of power markets, Long Island Power Authority (LIPA). This panel will focus on the technology, challenges, and benefits associated with greenhouse gas emission reduction initiatives.

Members of the second panel will include Arshad Mansoor, vice president of power delivery and utilization, Electric Power Research Institute (EPRI); Gavin Donohue, president and CEO, Independent Power Producers of New York (IPPNY); Senator George Maziarz, chair, NYS Senate Energy Committee; Frank Murray, president and CEO, New York State Energy Research and Development Authority (NYSERDA); Marilyn Brown, professor, School of Public Policy, Georgia Institute of Technology, and member of the National Academies of Science Board on Energy and Environmental Systems; and Odin Knudsen, managing director of carbon strategy and business development, JP Morgan. This panel will be held from 1:15 p.m. – 3 p.m.

The final panel, titled, "Transmission Planning in the United States: The Eastern Interconnection Planning Collaborative and the Value of Enhanced Interregional Planning," will be held from 3:15 p.m. – 4:30 p.m. This panel will be moderated by Maureen Harris, commissioner, NYS Public Service Commission. It will focus on the need for a collaborative process for developing the framework for broader interregional planning.

Panel participants for the third panel will include Tom Congdon, NYS deputy secretary for Energy; David Whiteley, executive director, Eastern Interconnection Planning Collaborative (EIPC); Patti Hoffman, acting assistant secretary, U.S. Department of Energy; William Hogan, professor, John F. Kennedy School of Government, Harvard University, and research director, Harvard Energy Policy Group; and Mary Ellen Paravalos, vice president, transmission regulation and commercial services, National Grid.

"Our moderators and panel experts are very knowledgeable and talented, which will provide our symposium attendees with interesting and informative sessions," said Stephen G. Whitley. "We look forward to lively discussions about the most viable solutions to sustain electric system reliability and make the grid cleaner, greener, and smarter."

The event is free to attend. However, early registration is encouraged due to the limited space available. If interested, registration is through the NYISO's symposium Web site, www.nyiso.com/public/2010Symposium/index.htm, 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.