

## **NYS Public Service Commission Chairman Garry Brown to Open NYISO/ISO New England Energy Symposium**

**October 12, 2011**—Rensselaer, N.Y. and Holyoke, Mass.—The New York Independent System Operator (NYISO) and ISO New England (ISO-NE) today announced that New York State Public Service Commission Chairman Garry Brown will be the opening speaker at their joint energy symposium in New York City on Tuesday, November 1, 2011.

Chairman Brown has more than 30 years of experience in the public, private and not-for-profit energy and electricity sectors, including holding a position as senior policy analyst for the former New York State Energy Office, which had been charged with developing a sustainable and sound energy policy and promoting energy efficiency, while protecting the environment and fostering economic development. He is chair of the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners (NARUC) Committee on Electricity, which develops and advances policies that promote reliable, adequate and affordable supply of electricity. Chairman Brown also is a member of the Advisory Council to the Board of Directors of the Electric Power Research Institute (EPRI).

The day-long symposium, “Energy Synergy: Competition and Innovation,” will bring together industry participants, government officials and other policymakers to discuss the evolving role of competition and innovation in the Northeast electricity markets, with a focus on empowering consumers. Technology vendors also will be on hand to exhibit a variety of new products and services aimed at addressing current and future challenges.

The featured keynote speaker will be Paul Browning, president and CEO, Thermal Products for GE Energy. Mr. Browning oversees the worldwide business plan and execution of GE’s heavy-duty gas turbine, steam turbine, generator and controls and gasification product lines.

The first panel, “*The Power of Innovation: Advancing Electric System Performance and Empowering Consumers*,” will review the current role of new technologies on the electric grid and discuss what may occur in the future. Panelists include: Gabriel Alonso, CEO of EDP Renewables North America, LLC; Bill Capp, president and CEO of Beacon Power; Dan Delurey, executive director of the Association for Demand Response and Smart Grid (ADS); and John Kelly, executive director of the Galvin Electricity Initiative. This panel’s moderator will be Kevin Burke, chairman, president and CEO of Consolidated Edison, Inc.

The other panel, “*Competition in the Power Markets: Delivering Value Today and in the Future*,” will provide insight on how competition among resources can help meet electric system reliability and environmental protection standards. Panelists include: Richard Doying, vice president of operations, MISO; Paul Murphy, president and CEO of the Independent Electricity System Operator, Ontario; Gordon van Welie, president and CEO of ISO-NE ; Stephen Whitley, president and CEO of the NYISO; and Andrew Ott, senior vice president,

markets, of PJM Interconnection. The panel moderator will be Anastasia Song, CEO of the Haugland Group.

The general registration rate for the symposium is \$250, with a government rate of \$150. To register for the event, please visit [www.isoenergyconference.com](http://www.isoenergyconference.com). For more information, interested parties may e-mail [info@isoenergyconference.com](mailto:info@isoenergyconference.com) or call (617) 337-9534.

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