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## **NYISO Reports on Bulk Power System Conditions Following Sandy**

RENSSELAER, N.Y.—October 30, 2012—The New York Independent System Operator (NYISO) today issued an update on the status of the bulk electric system following Hurricane Sandy.

Despite the storm damage, New York state's bulk electric system is currently meeting all criteria for transmission and operating reserves.

There are currently more than 90 transmission line outages in Southeastern New York. Infrastructure assessment by the utilities is underway, but some substations are not yet accessible.

Approximately 5,300 megawatts (MW) of generation are currently out of service as a result of the storm, which is about 13 percent of New York's total in-state generating capacity (39,570 MW).

During the 8 a.m. hour this morning, the load on the NYISO's system was approximately 4,425 MW lower than it was at the same time yesterday, when statewide load totaled 16,830 MW.

The forecasted peak load for today is 15,000 MW, which represents a significant reduction from the average peak load of 19,000 MW - 20,000 MW experienced on a normal business day during this time of year.

A megawatt serves the electricity needs of approximately 800 to 1000 homes.

The NYISO continues to monitor system conditions following the storm and continues to work with New York's electric utilities, power producers and government agencies as New York state responds and recovers from the effects of Hurricane Sandy.

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