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## **NYISO Announces First Panel for 2014 Energy Conference**

### ***Industry Experts to Address Aging Infrastructure and Grid Modernization***

Rensselaer, N.Y.—The New York Independent System Operator (NYISO) today announced the moderator and participants for the first panel at its upcoming 2014 Energy Conference, “*Grid Modernization & Competitive Markets: Shaping the Future Electric System*,” being held on June 24 at the Grand Hyatt in New York City.

The first panel, “*Aging Infrastructure and Grid Modernization*,” will focus on the challenges and opportunities presented by aging electricity infrastructure and the role of competitive markets in providing incentives for timely, well-targeted investment.

Panelists include: Christopher Crane, president and CEO, Exelon Corporation; William Ball, executive vice president and chief transmission officer, Southern Company; and William Hogan, professor of global energy policy, Harvard University. The panel moderator will be Gavin Donohue, president and CEO of the Independent Power Producers of New York, Inc. (IPPNY).

“We are pleased to have this outstanding group of energy experts address grid infrastructure issues at our 2014 Energy Conference. Attendees can expect to gain valuable insights from some of the most knowledgeable leaders in the industry,” said NYISO President and CEO Stephen Whitley.

While significant investments are being made in deploying smart grid technologies, New York’s bulk power system rests on high-voltage transmission facilities that are, on average, more than 40 years old. Various private sector and public initiatives—such as the New York Energy Highway—are underway. This group of experts will examine the array of enduring challenges and emerging opportunities.

“A reliable electric system is the foundation of a vibrant economy,” said IPPNY President and CEO Gavin Donohue. “I look forward to facilitating this discussion on investment opportunities and effective strategies for maintaining a safe, secure and reliable electric system.”

In addition to Mr. Sieminski’s keynote address and the panel highlighted above, the NYISO conference will feature a technology showcase of innovative products and services and a second panel discussion on “*Competitive Markets: Distributed Resources and Fuel Diversity*.”

Please go to [www.nyisoenergyconference.com](http://www.nyisoenergyconference.com) for additional information about the conference and to register for the event.

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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.

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