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## **NYISO Names Zachary G. Smith Vice President, System and Resource Planning**

RENSSELAER, NY – The New York Independent System Operator (NYISO) announced today that it has promoted Zachary G. Smith to vice president of system and resource planning effective September 15, 2016.

Mr. Smith joined the NYISO as an associate engineer in 2004 and has since held positions of increasing responsibility. Most recently he was director of transmission planning, overseeing the public policy transmission planning process and implementing numerous initiatives for the North American Electric Reliability Corporation, the Northeast Power Coordinating Council (NPCC), and the New York State Reliability Council.

“Zach’s deep background and knowledge of transmission planning, public policy, interregional planning, and reliability compliance make him a perfect addition to our leadership team,” said Brad Jones, President and Chief Executive Officer for the NYISO. “Zach’s promotion comes at a critical time for the company and his experience will be highly valuable to stakeholders, market participants and customers as we work to address the future needs of the state’s electric grid.”

Mr. Smith chairs the NPCC Task Force on Coordination of Planning, and the Independent System Operator / Regional Transmission Operator Council’s Transmission Planning Committee. He is a member of the Eastern Interconnection Planning Collaborative’s Technical Committee and the Northeast Joint Interregional Planning Committee.

He holds a bachelor of science and a master of science in electrical engineering from Michigan Technological University.

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