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**Third *ISO On Background* Session to Provide
State-by-State Power Grid and Policy Outlook
*Informational Media Briefing to Discuss Major Issues
Facing New England's Six States in 2010***

Holyoke, MA—March 23, 2010—ISO New England Inc., the operator of the region's bulk power system and wholesale electricity markets, will host an informational media briefing on Thursday, March 25 to outline key issues facing the region and each of the six New England states in 2010.

The session will cover a variety of topics, including:

- State-by-state updates, including proposed transmission upgrades such as the Greater Springfield Reliability Project, the Vermont Southern Loop, and the Maine Power Reliability Program; new generation projects including renewables; and policy initiatives such as the Massachusetts Green Communities Act and Connecticut's Integrated Resource Planning Initiative
- Effect of state and regional policies, such as the Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative and Renewable Portfolio Standards, on the power grid
- Impact of uncertainty over federal energy policy on regional system development

WHAT: *ISO on Background* Media Briefing—State of the States: 2010 Outlook

WHEN: Thursday, March 25, 1:30 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. via WebEx conference call

WHO: Gordon van Welie, President and Chief Executive Officer
Anne George, Vice President for External Affairs and Corporate Communications
Stephen J. Rourke, Vice President for System Planning

HOW: Please contact Rebecca Johnson by 10:00 a.m. Thursday, March 25, to register for this event: (413) 535-4309 or rjohnson@iso-ne.com. Call-in details will be provided to confirmed attendees.

About *ISO on Background*

ISO on Background provides members of the media with an informal opportunity to learn more about the trends affecting New England's electricity industry. Sessions will be hosted by ISO New England senior management and other subject matter experts who will help explain the workings of the power grid and wholesale markets. Each presenter will provide objective analysis on a particular issue or topic to help convey its impact on the average consumer and then open the call to the media's questions. The sessions are on the record.