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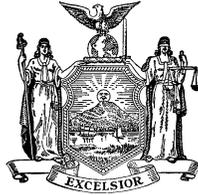
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September 10, 2003

Re: Case 03-E-0188 - Proceeding on Motion of the Commission Regarding a
Retail Renewable Portfolio Standard

To Active Parties:

I am writing in reference to both the renewed request by the New York State Reliability Council, and others, to convene a meeting as soon as possible to consider reliability impacts of potential RPS designs in New York and the request by Tannery Island Power Corporation, Hydro Power, Inc., and Energy Enterprises, Inc. further to extend the schedule for filing comments to allow for the results of such a meeting and to, in any event, establish a schedule for reply comments no earlier than October 22, 2003.

As to the reliability meeting, on August 20, 2003, the NYSRC requested an immediate meeting to explore the impact of the addition of significant amounts of renewable generation on the reliability of the New York State bulk power system. At my request, NYSRC has elaborated on this proposal. On September 8, 2003, NYSRC supplemented its filing with a discussion of potential reliability issues warranting early discussion, including impacts on capacity reserves, transmission system design, and operations.

The ISO represents to me that it agrees such a meeting at this time would be valuable, and offers its expertise to make this discussion a productive one. Accordingly, I have scheduled the meeting to take place on October 7, 2003, from 2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. in the Hearing Room on the Third Floor of the Commission's Albany office, Three Empire State Plaza. Full telephone participation will be afforded parties. This schedule will allow for parties to incorporate the results of this meeting in reply comments.

As to the comment schedule proposals of Tannery Island, *et al*, parties may respond by Monday, September 15, 2003 and I will rule immediately thereafter.

Eleanor Stein
Administrative Law Judge