

## ISO NEW ENGLAND'S MISSION STATEMENT FROM THE PARTICIPANTS AGREEMENT

**2.3 Objectives of ISO.** The objectives of ISO are (through means including but not limited to planning, central dispatching, coordinated maintenance of electric supply and demand-side resources and transmission facilities, obtaining emergency power for market participants from other control areas, system restoration (when required), the development of Market Rules, the provision of an open access regional transmission tariff and the provision of a means for effective coordination with other control areas and utilities situated in the United States and Canada):

- (a) to assure the bulk power supply system within the New England Control Area conforms to proper standards of reliability;
- (b) to create and sustain open, non-discriminatory, competitive, unbundled, markets for energy, capacity and ancillary services (including operating reserves) that are (i) economically efficient and balanced between buyers and sellers, and (ii) provide an opportunity for a participant to receive compensation through the market for a service it provides, in a manner consistent with proper standards of reliability and the long-term sustainability of competitive markets;
- (c) to allow informed participation and encourage ongoing market improvements;
- (d) to provide transparency with respect to the operation of and the pricing in markets and purchase programs;
- (e) to provide access to competitive markets within the New England Control Area and to neighboring regions; and
- (f) to provide for an equitable allocation of costs, benefits and responsibilities among market participants.

The Parties agree that the preceding objectives are consistent with the Federal Power Act and do not in and of themselves create independent causes of action.