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## ISO New England CEO to Focus on New England's Reliance on Natural Gas at US Senate Energy Committee Forum

**Holyoke, MA—May 13, 2013**—Gordon van Welie, president and chief executive officer of ISO New England Inc., is scheduled to join a roundtable discussion on natural gas issues tomorrow with the US Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee.

Mr. van Welie plans to focus on the serious operational challenges to New England's power system resulting from the region's growing dependence on natural gas for electricity generation. His remarks will note that maintaining power grid reliability will require increased levels of fuel availability within the region, either through more secure gas pipeline arrangements, natural gas storage, or additional dual-fuel capability among generators. ISO New England is enhancing its wholesale capacity market design to provide incentives for generators to make arrangements to secure fuel, which the ISO believes will lead to investment in additional natural gas infrastructure.

The roundtable will feature a diverse group of natural gas producers, distributors, utilities, environmental groups, regulators, consumers and exporters who will share their perspectives on natural gas issues.

**WHAT:** *[“Infrastructure, Transportation, Research and Innovation,”](#)* first in a series of three forums on natural gas issues  
U.S. Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee  
A live webcast will be available at <http://www.energy.senate.gov/public/index.cfm/live-webcast>

**WHEN:** Tuesday, May 14, 10:00 a.m.

**WHERE:** Senate Hart Office Building, Room 216  
Washington, DC 20510

**More about Gordon van Welie**

Gordon van Welie joined ISO New England in 2000 as executive vice president and chief operating officer and was named president and chief executive officer in 2001. Mr. van Welie was named to the US Department of Energy's Electricity Advisory Committee in 2010. The committee makes recommendations on a wide range of policy and technical issues that affect electricity delivery. Mr. van Welie came to ISO New England from Siemens Power Transmission & Distribution LLC., where he served as vice president and general manager of the Power Systems Control Division and was responsible for managing information technology solutions for electric companies.