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**NEW ENGLAND ENERGY SETTLEMENT WOULD HELP REGION MEET
SUMMER ENERGY DEMANDS**

**FORECAST REINFORCES NEED FOR MORE EFFICIENCY,
CONSERVATION AND COMPETITION**

Boston – The 2006 summer forecast for electricity demand by ISO-New England underscores the importance of approving the recently filed FERC settlement agreement announced last month that will provide long overdue changes to the region’s energy system according to the New England Power Generators Association (NEPGA).

“With summer just around the corner now more than ever we need greater energy efficiency, conservation and competition to meet the needs of New England” said Angela O’Connor, president of NEPGA the region’s largest trade association representing competitive electric generating companies. “Even though there is adequate supply predicted at this time for this summer we can’t be complacent. We still need more energy, more efficiency and more competition” she stated.

O’Connor also noted that “This agreement provides us with the best opportunity yet to turn that need into more energy by investing in new construction as well as renewable energy and energy efficiency measures. Now everyone, generators and customers, can compete for the capacity payments that will provide the economic incentives for investments in new generation and emerging environmentally sound technology that will provide New England with the energy it needs” she added.

Generators throughout the region are prepared to provide the energy necessary this summer to its customers in what could be another high demand season. Most plants have recently completed their annual spring maintenance overhauls, ensuring that facilities are in good shape to respond to high temperatures and peak electric demands.

However, without new investment in power plants or energy efficiency measures, electricity demand will soon outstrip supply. The settlement agreement, along with the proposed rules regarding the region’s ancillary services markets, will provide important progress to complete the long awaited restructuring of wholesale markets in New England and enable the needed new investment.

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New England Power Generators Association

NEPGA is the largest trade association representing competitive electric generating companies in New England and is composed of the following member companies: American National Power, Boston Generating, Calpine Corporation, Exelon, FPL Energy, Lake Road Generating, Mirant Corporation, NRG Energy, PSEG, Competitive Power Ventures, ConEd Energy, Dominion and Granite Ridge. The member companies operate a diverse portfolio of electric generating resources located throughout New England. For more information please go to www.nepga.org.