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ISO predicts adequate summer power supplies

New England should have sufficient resources this summer to meet consumer demand for electric power, according to ISO New England Inc., the operator of the region's bulk power system and wholesale electricity markets.

ISO forecasts that demand for electricity could peak slightly higher than last year at 27,550 megawatts (MW) this summer under normal weather conditions of about 90 degrees Fahrenheit.

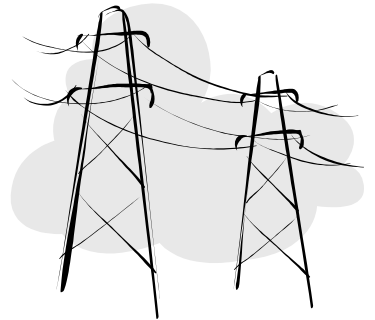
"As the New England economy gradually recovers from the recession, we should expect to see demand for electricity follow suit," said Vamsi Chadalavada, chief operating officer of ISO New England. "And if the region experiences temperatures anything like last summer's weather, peak demand could rival those of recent years."

If unforeseen events occur, such as a transmission line or generator

outage, or demand for electricity spikes during several days of extremely

hot and humid weather, system operators have steps they can take to maintain a reliable flow of electricity. These actions could include bringing in power from neighboring regions, calling on demand-side resources, and asking business and residential customers to voluntarily conserve energy use.

The all-time record for peak demand in New England was set on August 2, 2006, when consumer demand reached 28,130 MW. In Hudson and Stow, the all-time record was also reached in August of 2006, with a peak demand of 78.5 MW. One megawatt of electricity can power approximately 1,000 homes.



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TOTAL ENERGY SUPPLIED:	100,005,714 kWh
GREENHOUSE GAS-FREE ENERGY SUPPLIED:	72,161,612 kWh or 72%
	(1/1/2011 TO 3/31/2011)

Lightning Safety Week is June 19 to 25

“When the thunder roars, go indoors!”

June ushers in the first day of summer, the peak season for one of the nation's deadliest weather phenomena — lightning. Each year, the National Weather Service uses Lightning Safety Week to educate people on how to safeguard themselves against lightning.



Following are some facts you should know about lightning storms:

Outdoor Safety

- ✦ **No place outside is safe** when thunderstorms are in the area, especially areas around ponds, lakes and other bodies of water.
- ✦ **Seek shelter if you hear thunder.** If you hear it, it is close enough to strike you.
- ✦ **Substantial buildings are good shelter.** Never use a tree, cliff or rocky overhang for shelter.
- ✦ **Never lie flat on the ground.**

✦ **Don't go outside too early** after the storm. Remain inside at least 30 minutes after the last clap of thunder.

Indoor Safety

- ✦ **Avoid using electrical equipment** such as computers, corded phones, etc. when thunderstorms are in the area.
- ✦ **Avoid touching plumbing**, including pipes, sinks, baths and faucets.
- ✦ **Watching the storm can be dangerous**, so keep away from windows and doors, and stay off porches.
- ✦ **Avoid concrete** - do not lie on concrete floors or lean up against a concrete wall.

For further information on lightning safety, visit the National Weather Service at www.lightningsafety.noaa.gov.

About us:

Main Office: 49 Forest Avenue in Hudson; open weekdays, 8 am - 4:30 pm. **(978) 568-8736**

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Holiday Closings: There are no holiday closings in June.

Emergencies: When the main office is closed, for emergencies call our 24-hour hot line at **(978) 562-2368**.

Light Board: The Hudson Municipal Light Board's June meeting will be held June 15 at our 49 Forest Avenue offices in Hudson. The meetings are open to the public.