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Gordon van Welie, ISO New England President and CEO, oversees New England’s 32,000 megawatt bulk power system, the multi-billion dollar wholesale electricity marketplace, and a robust system planning process designed to ensure the region’s long-term electricity needs. He has been the president and CEO since 2001.

New England’s resources are undergoing a dramatic transformation from oil, coal, and nuclear generation to natural gas, renewable energy, and distributed resources. Gordon has led a strategic initiative to keep system reliability intact and wholesale markets competitive while this shift occurs. These initiatives include addressing the interdependency between the gas and electric systems, ensuring efficient price formation, facilitating the integration of renewable, distributed, and ‘smart grid’ technologies, and making significant investments in regional transmission.

Before ISO New England, Gordon was Vice President and General Manager of Power System Control for Siemens. Earlier in his career, he worked in various roles with the South African utility, Eskom.

Gordon is a member of the National Academy of Engineering, as well as a number of industry groups, including the Executive Committee of the U. S. National Committee of CIGRE, the Member Representatives Committee of the North American Electric Reliability Corporation (NERC), the ISO/RTO Council, and the IEEE Power & Engineering Society.

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