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Electric Systems Are Normal on the First Working Day After the Millennium Rollover

The electric systems across the United States and Canada continue to operate normally on the first working day after the Millennium rollover. "The electric industry can be very proud of the way it did its job during the long New Year's holiday period," says Michehl R. Gent, President of the North American Electric Reliability Council (NERC). "The lights stayed on and no customers were without service due to the 'Year 2000 Bug'," he adds.

The electric industry's success in dealing with the Year 2000 (Y2k) issue is the result of unprecedented industry-wide cooperation. From the time the U.S. Department of Energy charged NERC with coordinating the Y2k readiness of the nation's electric industry, the response from the industry to NERC was unanimous and clear, "What can we do to help"? That help came not just from the power supply and distribution entities in the United States but from similar organizations in Canada and Mexico as well because we share common facilities and a common interest in keeping the lights on.

NERC began its Y2k monitoring of the electric systems in North America on December 29, 1999 and concluded its monitoring late in the afternoon of January 3, 2000. During this time it conducted a series of conference calls with the 21 security coordinators who have responsibility for overseeing reliability of the electric systems. These calls were the basis for the Y2k status reports and press releases posted on the NERC web site.

This press release concludes NERC's current monitoring and reporting of the electric industry's Year 2000 rollover. The next, and final, key Y2k date that NERC will monitor and report on is February 28-29, 2000, when a leap day occurs.

A copy of this press release and the other press releases issued during the Millennium rollover are available from the NERC web site, <http://www.nerc.com/y2k>. This site also includes other information on the electric industry's Y2k readiness program and results.

NERC is a not-for-profit company formed as a result of the Northeast blackout in 1965 to promote the reliability of the bulk electric systems that serve North America. It works with all segments of the electric industry as well as customers to "keep the lights on" by developing and encouraging compliance with rules for the reliable operation and adequacy of supply of these systems. NERC comprises ten Regional Reliability Councils that account for virtually all the electricity supplied in the United States, Canada, and a portion of Baja California Norte, Mexico.