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Response to Governor Paterson's State-of-State Address By Energy Coalition Chairman

New York, NY/January 6, 2010 – Arthur “Jerry” Kremer, retired chairman of the New York Assembly Ways & Means Committee, author of the original state power plant siting law, and Chairman of the New York Affordable Reliable Electricity Alliance (New York AREA) today issued the following statement in conjunction with Governor Paterson’s state-of-the-state address.

“Governor Paterson’s speech properly emphasized the severe economic and budget challenges that New York today faces. One of the most sensible and overdue steps that the Legislature can take to revitalize the economy is to enact a new power plant siting law, formerly known as Article X, to provide clear guidance so that major new power sources can be proposed and built in New York. This will be a true stimulus to New York’s economy.

“In December, the Governor’s energy plan called for a new power plant siting law. We stand ready to work with Governor Paterson on this and the many other components of the plan which will ensure job creation, economic recovery, and more affordable and reliable electricity for New York.”

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About New York AREA: Founded in November 2003, the New York Affordable Reliable Electricity Alliance (New York AREA) is a diverse group of more than 150 business, labor, and community groups whose mission and purpose is to ensure that the New York metropolitan area has an ample and reliable electricity supply, and economic prosperity for years to come. New York AREA helps to educate policy makers, businesses, and the general public regarding the necessity and importance of safe, low-cost, reliable, clean electricity.

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