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Energy Coalition Comments on NYISO's Comprehensive Reliability Plan

New York, NY/January 12, 2011 – In response to the New York Independent System Operator's Board of Directors approval of a comprehensive reliability plan for New York's power system, John Durso, Jr., Executive Director of the New York Affordable Reliable Electricity Alliance (New York AREA) issued the following statement.

"This is a far-sighted and informative report. It recognizes that electricity reliability can be just as significantly impacted by near-term public policy actions and regulations as it would by traditional factors such as in-place and projected generating capacity and energy demand.

"Of particular note, the report notes that the Department of Environmental Conservation's Best Technology Available (BTA) proposed cooling water system proposal, and three other regulatory proposals, "could lead to multiple unplanned plant retirements."

"It also points out that the closure of Indian Point would "drastically" impact electricity reliability, "degrade" the bulk power system, and potentially even lead to "emergency" measures.

"We urge policymakers to carefully review NYISO's report and ensure that New York can have the clean and abundant electricity it needs, for today and tomorrow."

A copy of NYISO's Comprehensive Reliability Plan can be found at:
http://www.nyiso.com/public/webdocs/newsroom/press_releases/2011/CRP_2010_FINAL_REPORT_01112011.pdf

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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 New York 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 and reliable electricity. Entergy, the operator of Indian Point, is a member of New York AREA. For additional information visit: www.area-alliance.org.