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Statement on Solar Power Expansion Announcement by Governor Paterson

New York, NY/October 7, 2009 – In conjunction with Governor David Paterson's announcement today that \$10 million in federal stimulus dollars is now available through the New York State Energy Research and Development Authority for solar energy projects in New York State, John Durso, Jr., Executive Director of New York AREA issued the following statement.

"Today's announcement is a positive step towards reducing greenhouse gases and creating a new generation of green jobs. Governor Paterson deserves great credit for this initiative.

"New York should also build on these wise investments by continuing to support clean, safe, base load power resources as part of a balanced, comprehensive State Energy Plan. This will enable New York to meet its growing energy demands while creating new jobs and reducing greenhouse gas emissions. This will lead to an enhanced quality-of-life for all New Yorkers."

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. For additional information visit: www.area-alliance.org.

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