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ENERGY COALITION COUNTERS CLAIMS AGAINST NUCLEAR PLANT WITH EXPANSIVE ARCHIVE OF STUDIES BY INDEPENDENT SAFETY EXPERTS

New York, NY/November 16, 2009 – In response to a published article and news conference today on Indian Point by the Radiation and Public Health Project, Paul Steidler, Communications Director with the New York Affordable Reliable Electricity Alliance issued the following statement.

“For decades the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission and numerous independent experts from national and academic health organizations like the National Cancer Institute, Columbia University, and the New York Department of Health have closely monitored nuclear power plants for any health impact that they may have on workers or the surrounding communities. They have consistently and unequivocally found that there is no basis for claims by anti-nuclear activists like the ones made today by the Radiation and Public Health Project.

Given this expansive archive of independent studies, and thorough track record of unprecedented and independent scrutiny Indian Point receives, the business, labor, and community leaders that are represented statewide in the New York Affordable Reliable Electricity Alliance stand by Indian Point as safe on all critical measures including public health. There is no doubt that this study should be examined so that it faces similar independent scrutiny.”

Editor’s Note: Additional information about the Columbia University study can be found at: http://www.columbia.edu/cu/news/04/11/nuclear_power.html .

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.

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