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Energy Alliance Comments on Attorney General Schneiderman Lawsuit Against NRC

New York, NY/February 15, 2011 – In conjunction with an announcement by New York Attorney General Eric Schneiderman today that he is suing the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission for approving a regulation that would allow nuclear power facilities to store radioactive waste for up to 60 years after their closure, Arthur “Jerry” Kremer, Chairman of the New York Affordable Reliable Electricity Alliance issued the following statement.

“We applaud Attorney General Schneiderman for raising this issue. While New York’s six nuclear facilities are among the safest industrial facilities in the country, the Attorney General should be commended for his work to make sure this is always the case.

“Furthermore, it is reassuring to hear the Attorney General state that this issue will not impede the license renewal process for Indian Point. The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission is behind schedule on the license renewal process by nearly two years with no end in sight. It is very important for New York’s economy, and environment, that a positive decision be made about license renewal for Indian Point as soon as possible, to protect jobs and ensure New York has reliable and competitively priced power.”

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. Entergy, the licensed operator of Indian Point, is a member of New York AREA.

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