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Statement on ConEd/LIPA Off-Shore Wind Announcement

New York, NY/March 23, 2009 – In conjunction with today’s announcement that Consolidated Edison (ConEd) and the Long Island Power Authority (LIPA) continue to move forward in their efforts to develop an wind farm off the coast of the Rockaway Peninsula, John Durso, Jr., Executive Director of the New York Affordable Reliable Electricity Alliance (New York AREA), issued the following statement.

“Today’s announcement by ConEd and LIPA is an important step towards securing our state’s energy future. It deserves the support of all New Yorkers.

“The addition of 350 megawatts of clean, renewable electricity – enough to power up to 350,000 homes – will enhance the very quality-of-life we all enjoy as New Yorkers. Power generated through this public-private partnership will stabilize our region’s power supply during intermediate and peak power periods, while lessening our regions reliance on fossil fuels.”

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.