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## **New York AREA Issues Statement on U.S. Supreme Court Decision**

New York, NY/April 1, 2009 – In conjunction with today’s announcement of a ruling by the U.S. Supreme Court pertaining to clean water technology in Entergy v. Riverkeeper, Jerry Kremer, chairman of the New York Affordable Reliable Electricity Alliance (New York AREA), issued the following statement.

“Today’s decision by the U.S. Supreme Court is a clear victory for New York jobs, the economy, the environment – and common sense.

Riverkeeper has tried to use the courts to compel construction of a gargantuan and unnecessary cooling tower facility next to Indian Point. This would be quite costly and would likely create more environmental problems than it would solve.

The Court in effect has said that you cannot impose an environmental benefit for fish eggs without knowing the ramifications to the economy, electric rates, jobs, and other environmental impacts. This is a positive development.

It should also be emphasized that the vast majority of fish eggs die from natural causes, Indian Point’s operation annually mitigates the production of 14 million tons of greenhouse gases, and during Indian Point’s time of operation the Hudson River has dramatically improved.”

**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, owner of the Indian Point, is a New York AREA member. For additional information visit: [www.area-alliance.org](http://www.area-alliance.org).

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