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Energy Coalition Comments on NYISO “Power Trends 2011” Report

New York, NY/April 25, 2011 – In conjunction with today’s release of the New York Independent System Operator’s (NYISO) “Power Trends 2011” report, John Durso, Jr., Executive Director for the New York Affordable Reliable Electricity Alliance (New York AREA) issued the following statement.

“We commend NYISO for a thorough, insightful report that policy makers throughout the state should read and study. We also encourage policy makers to discuss the report with NYISO as you can’t have economic growth without sensible energy policy. “While this report was largely positive, it did not escape our notice that the operator of New York’s electrical grid issued an important warning against the closure of Indian Point, which in 2010 was the state’s largest power generator.

“As NYISO clearly states, ‘retirement of both nuclear units at the Indian Point Energy Center when their current licenses expire would result in violations of reliability standards in 2016. Impacts would include loss of power supply and transmission voltage support affecting the metropolitan New York region.’

“With New York still lacking a power plant siting law and without adequate base load energy capacity available within the downstate region, closing Indian Point will be quite harmful. This is not the way to jumpstart New York’s economic recovery.”

The “Power Trends 2011” report can be found at:

http://www.nyiso.com/public/webdocs/newsroom/power_trends/Power_Trends_2011.pdf

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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