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## Atomic Safety and Licensing Board Panel Hearing Statement

New York, NY/March 10, 2008 - On behalf of the New York Affordable Reliable Electricity Alliance (New York AREA), Bob Seeger, Business Manager, Millwright and Machinery Erectors Local Union 740, today issued the following statement in conjunction with the Atomic Safety and Licensing Board Panel's hearing of oral arguments from the New York Attorney General's Office and Westchester County related to the Indian Point license renewal application.

"Indian Point is not only safe - it is one of the safest places in New York. As a Millwright I have worked at and visited Indian Point for decades. I know first-hand that safety at the facility comes first, second, and third. I would never send a union brother or sister in there if I had the slightest concern about safety.

New York needs more electricity sources and especially needs Indian Point to provide the power to sustain and grow our economy. Clearly safety is a top concern and the ASLB hearing will thoroughly review the facts on the safety and security of Indian Point. Our concern is that Attorney General Cuomo's real intent behind these legalistic maneuvers is to try and close a clean, safe, and key source of the region's power.

We need leaders who will build up our infrastructure, not tear it down. Furthermore, leaders calling on Indian Point to be closed down should specify which towns will host the four to five natural gas plants that would be needed to replace it. Is it Larchmont, Rye, White Plains, Yonkers, Tarrytown, or other towns that should host these facilities?

At the end of the day, let us make sure this process is not governed by politics or emotion but by facts and science and by taking into account the hard-working men and women of New York. If this is done, Indian Point will receive its well-deserved license renewal."

**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 125 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, owner of Indian Point, is a member of New York AREA.

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