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New York AREA Calls for State to Approve Broadwater Project;

“Essential, Clean Energy is Needed Now”

New York, NY/February 8, 2008 – Jerry Kremer, Chairman of the New York Affordable Reliable Electricity Alliance (New York AREA) made the following statement in response to the Department of State’s 60 day-stay on the decision of the Broadwater liquefied natural gas (LNG) project off the coast of Long Island.

“New York AREA strongly encourages New York State and Governor Eliot Spitzer to support the Broadwater liquefied natural gas (LNG) facility. This project will benefit consumers and businesses by providing clean energy, and will help attract businesses and create jobs for downstate New York. The implementation of the Broadwater project would mean that New York would be receiving a new source of clean power for its homes and businesses – and this essential, clean power is needed now. In fact, the New York Independent System Operator has also stressed that southeastern New York will need 2,000 megawatts of additional power – enough for up to two million homes – in the coming years,” said Mr. Kremer.

“Broadwater is especially important because New York’s State’s power plant siting statute, Article X, expired more than five years ago. The renewal of the Article X is also imperative. A new power plant siting law will also spur the development of much-needed power generation projects in New York State and demonstrate that we are open for business. Like the Broadwater project, new power facilities will bring investment, economic development and new jobs right along with them, while at the same time address the challenges of a pending downstate power shortage,” said Mr. Kremer.

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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 125 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.