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## **New York Affordable Reliable Electricity Alliance responds to the release of a special study by the Empire Center for New York State Policy.**

New York, NY/March 12, 2008 -- In conjunction with a special study released today by the Empire Center for New York State Policy, *New York Unplugged? Building Energy Capacity and Curbing Energy Rates in the Empire State*, the New York Affordable Reliable Electricity Alliance (New York AREA) issued the following statement by Chairman Arthur “Jerry” Kremer.

“This report is timely,” said Mr. Kremer. “New York AREA commends the Empire Center for New York State Policy for some of the proposals offered as a result of the findings of its study. This is yet another wakeup call that New York needs to increase its power supply and take other steps to maintain its economy.

“The report recommends the reauthorization of the Article X power plant siting law, as well as the encouragement of further development of nuclear power. These provisions are necessary,” said Mr. Kremer. “Now is the time to act. We need to build New York’s infrastructure.”

He continued, “New York AREA continues to call on the need to renew Article X. The high energy prices that New York face is unnecessary. New Yorkers do not have to be faced with exorbitant energy rates. The state needs to implement proper mechanisms for alternative sources of clean affordable power.”

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*About New York AREA ([www.area-alliance.org](http://www.area-alliance.org)): Founded in November 2003, the New York Affordable Reliable Electricity Alliance (New York AREA) is a diverse group of more than 100 business, labor, and community organizations and professionals 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, the owner of Indian Point, is a member of New York AREA.*

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