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## Statement on Gov. Paterson's Carbon Reduction Executive Order

New York, NY/August 6, 2009 – In conjunction with Governor David Paterson's signature of an executive order setting a goal for New York to reduce carbon emissions in New York State 80 percent below 1990 levels by 2050, Jerry Kremer, chairman of the New York Affordable Reliable Electricity Alliance (New York AREA), issued the following statement.

"As New York already has the country's third-lowest per capita carbon emissions, the Governor is setting the bar quite high. To achieve the reduction, with minimal economic disruption, New York will first need to keep and expand its use of nuclear power and hydro power. These sources account for 53 percent of the state's electricity portfolio versus 25 percent nationwide.

New York will also need to quickly transition to the use of electric cars that rely on clean power sources. This means keeping and expanding clean sources of baseload power, such as nuclear and hydro, while expanding the use of renewable sources."

*Editor's Note: In 2009 New York AREA has prepared issue briefs on the state's carbon emissions per capita ranking (February 19); how New York is impacted by the U.S. House of Representatives' passed Waxman Markey measure to reduce carbon emissions (August 4), and the outlook for electric car use (April 27). These can be found at: <http://www.area-alliance.org/t7364/IssueBriefs.html>.*

**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. For additional information visit: [www.area-alliance.org](http://www.area-alliance.org).

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