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NEW YORK AREA PRAISES RENEWABLES REPORT WARNS ABOUT THE NEED FOR BASE LOAD POWER SOURCES TO MEET DEMAND

New York, NY/February 25, 2008 – Arthur “Jerry” Kremer, former chairman of the New York Assembly Ways & Means Committee, author of the original state power plant siting law, and Chairman of the New York Affordable Reliable Electricity Alliance (New York AREA) today issued the following statement in response to Lt. Governor David Paterson’s announcement of recommendations issued by his Task Force on Renewable Energy.

“The report issued today by Lt. Governor David Paterson is good news for New York. Our state is poised to be a national leader in promoting renewable forms of energy and in dedicating resources to fulfill this mission. In order to promote a diverse electric portfolio, and for other economic, environmental and national security reasons, the goals outlined in this study are sensible and deserve ongoing consideration by the Legislature.

It is important to keep in mind though that demand for power in New York is growing rapidly, as outlined in an announcement last week from the New York Independent System Operator. While renewable sources of energy have an important role to play in a diverse energy portfolio, most of these energy sources are intermittent; many sources only produce power when the sun shines and the wind blows. We urge New York policymakers to support expanding and maintaining all sources of 24/7 “Baseload” electric generation capacity to continue to fuel a growing economy, job growth, and sensible development statewide in the long-term.”

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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 organizations and professionals whose mission and purpose is to ensure that New York State and the New York City metropolitan area have 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.