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Energy Coalition Response to State of the Union Address

New York, NY/January 25, 2012 – In response to President Obama’s imperative for increased domestic energy production during last night’s State of the Union Address, Arthur “Jerry” Kremer, Chairman of the New York Affordable Reliable Electricity Alliance (New York AREA) issued the following statement:

“Last night President Obama wisely called for an all-out, all-of-the- above energy strategy that develops every available source of American energy. Without specifically mentioning New York, the President stated, “we should not choose between environment and economy.” The President is right. New York must find a way to safely extract Marcellus Shale gas, as the resulting jobs and energy are vital to our state’s future.

Furthermore, the President highlighted the importance of investing in the development of clean energy in the US. Wind, solar, and nuclear are critical sources of clean power. New York has been a leader in clean energy development and we must continue to invest in local generation. Not only is it crucial for preserving our environment, it is essential for creating jobs and securing our energy future.”

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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 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.