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Statement on Indian Point's Power; Related Study

New York, NY/February 23, 2017 – In conjunction with a study released today by Riverkeeper and the National Resources Defense Council which claims that Indian Point's power can be easily replaced with low-carbon options, Jerry Kremer, Chairman of New York AREA, issued the following statement.

“For more than 40 years Indian Point has been the backbone of New York’s electric grid, safely providing 25 percent of the power used in the New York City region and surrounding area – with zero carbon emissions. Replacing Indian Point’s power will be a formidable task and one on which the state should present its plan soon, to ensure a smooth transition that protects ratepayers, businesses, and our communities.

“For years opponents of Indian Point have minimized the cost and environmental disruptions that will occur if the plant closes. Yet, in places where nuclear plants have closed carbon emissions have skyrocketed and numerous economic disruptions occurred.

“The good news in this otherwise very distressing situation is that Indian Point will continue operating until at least 2021, providing large amounts of clean, emission-free power.”

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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 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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