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## **Statement: Indian Point Legislative Hearing**

New York, NY/February 28, 2017 – Arthur “Jerry” Kremer, Chairman of New York Affordable Reliable Electricity Alliance (New York AREA), issued the following statement in conjunction with a joint Senate and Assembly hearing today on the closing of Indian Point. Mr. Kremer will also be testifying at the hearing and his prepared remarks are available upon request.

“Closing Indian Point is a big, big deal and it creates formidable challenges for New York. Indian Point has been the backbone of the state’s electricity grid for more than 40 years and contributes more than 25 percent of the power used in New York City and the surrounding region. And its power is emission-free.

“The issues that must be addressed include: grid reliability, electricity costs, toxic emissions and related air pollution, attracting major investors for new energy sources and helping the impacted communities.

“To minimize the potential consequences of closing Indian Point is highly irresponsible and we need to act now to avoid serious economic and environmental problems after the plant closes in 2021.”

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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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