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SANDY & THE ELECTRIC GRID 5 YEARS LATER: EXPERTS ON THE IMPROVEMENTS AND WHAT STILL NEEDS TO BE DONE

New York, NY/October 25, 2017 – In conjunction with the five-year anniversary of Superstorm Sandy, which begins on Sunday, October 29, energy experts are available to discuss key grid improvements and what still needs to be done since the historic storm, which caused widespread and long-lasting electrical outages.

Key improvements include:

- Billions of dollars in electric grid protection and fortification;
- Improved communications; and
- Greater stockpiling of essential grid replacement items for emergencies.

Challenges that remain include modernizing the grid, as approximately 75 percent of it is more than 40 years old, and ensuring New York has sufficient generation from diverse fuel supplies as electricity needs and consumption grow.

Experts from the New York Affordable Reliable Electricity Alliance (New York AREA) include:

- **Dr. Matthew Cordaro**, former CEO of the Midwest ISO, the non-profit transmission grid operator for several states, and New York AREA Advisory Board member.
- **Arthur “Jerry” Kremer**, a former chairman of the New York Assembly Ways and Means Committee and an original author of New York’s power plant siting law, and chairman of New York AREA.
- **Rob DiFrancesco**, executive director of New York AREA and author of several issue briefs on New York’s energy challenges.

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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 organization of business, labor, and community groups whose mission 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, reliable, clean electricity.

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