API NY: CUOMO’S EXTREME ENERGY POLICIES HURT LOW-INCOME FAMILIES, SENIORS

ALBANY, N.Y., August 6, 2017 – API New York released the following statement after the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation denied the renewal of the air quality permit needed for the operation of the natural gas-powered Competitive Power Ventures Power Plant in Wawayanda, New York.

“Governor Cuomo has sided with environmental extremists over New York’s most vulnerable: low-income families and seniors,” said API New York Executive Director Karen Moreau. “Gov. Cuomo’s actions to close Indian Point coupled with efforts to stifle new clean natural gas power generation are creating a manufactured, needless energy crisis throughout New York and the northeast that will harm residents in the region – disproportionately hurting low-income and elderly residents who rely upon affordable electricity to heat, cool, and power their homes.

“Gov. Cuomo's hostility towards clean natural gas hurts New York workers who would benefit from production of this abundant resource right beneath our feet; hurts New York consumers who would benefit from increased supplies of affordable energy; and hurts our environment, which has seen cleaner air from increased use of natural gas driving carbon emissions to 25 year lows nationwide. Gov. Cuomo should rethink his misguided energy policies and side with New York’s most vulnerable residents who are hurt by the region's lack of clean, affordable natural gas.”

API New York is a division of API, which represents all segments of America’s oil and natural gas industry. Its nearly 620 members produce, process, and distribute most of the nation’s energy. The industry supports 10.3 million U.S. jobs and is backed by a growing grassroots movement of more than 47 million Americans.

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