



## **Significant Environmental Milestone Achieved: Passage of Power Plant Siting by NYS Legislature with support of Governor Cuomo**

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NEW YORK, NY/JUNE 23, 2011: SHARE, a non-profit coalition of organizations committed to ensuring the supply of reliable, clean and affordable electricity for all New Yorkers, particularly in communities of color and low-income communities, issued the following statement today commending Governor Cuomo and the New York State Legislature for reaching an agreement on a new power plant siting law.

The New York State Legislature passage of new power plant siting legislation, combined with Governor Cuomo's support, puts back in place a process the State has been without since December of 2002. "The new POWER NY legislation represents significant progress in protecting New York's environment as well as communities of color and low-income communities in and around New York City" said Craig Wilson, Executive Director of SHARE. "Applicants to construct power plants will now be required to conduct a cumulative environmental impact analysis, helping to ensure communities that currently have a disproportionate number of environmentally harmful facilities are not further burdened in the future."

The legislation is also contains "on bill" financing for the Green Jobs/Green New York program, allowing homeowners to pay for energy retrofits through loan payments. "The Green Jobs/Green New program will allow New Yorkers on a tight budget to not only reduce their energy usage, but also their energy bills" said Craig Wilson, Executive Director of SHARE.

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About SHARE: SHARE, (Safe, Healthy, Affordable and Reliable Energy), is a non-profit coalition of organizations committed to ensuring the continued supply of reliable, clean and affordable electricity for all New Yorkers. High electricity prices have placed an undue economic burden on New York families and businesses, while poor air quality has led to high asthma rates which place our most vulnerable at risk. SHARE, and its member organizations, are committed to working with local stakeholders in the New York metropolitan area to address these problems and provide all New Yorkers with the clean and affordable power they deserve.