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Statement by Senator Young on NRG Repowering

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“The repowering of NRG in Dunkirk has been a high priority and the focus of years of intense negotiations, planning and investment on the part of NRG leadership, state and local officials and stakeholders throughout the community.

That is why it is outrageous that NYISO has put the entire project at risk by stating that NRG’s cost to reconnect could exceed a staggering \$100 million. To spring this on NRG now, as the process moves into its final phases, is reprehensible and raises many questions about NYISO’s methods and analysis.

The City of Dunkirk, its school district and Chautauqua County rely on the PILOT payments that NRG provides. Losing them forever would be devastating to taxpayers who would have to make up the difference.

Additionally, Western New York needs the energy that a repowered NRG plant would deliver to enhance its manufacturing sector and tax base. Placing these types of hardships on the private sector is why it is so difficult to do business in this state. NYISO needs to examine its own role in creating this challenging environment.

I am working with NRG and all the parties involved to ensure this project comes to fruition. I urge NYISO officials to join this effort in good faith. Repowering NRG in Dunkirk is a goal that is in everyone's best interest and one that I will continue to pursue until success is achieved."