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January 26, 2009****GOVERNOR PATERSON ANNOUNCES SELECTION OF FRANCIS J.
MURRAY TO SERVE AS NYSERDA PRESIDENT AND CEO**

Governor David A. Paterson today announced that the New York State Energy Research and Development Authority's (NYSERDA) Board of Directors has elected Francis J. Murray to serve as President and Chief Executive Officer.

"I am confident that Francis J. Murray will be an impressive leader to the New York State Energy Research and Development Authority," Governor Paterson said. "As we look to the future of energy development and policy, we will rely on the expertise of those who have worked on these matters and served New York State. Mr. Murray has these qualifications and more, and will offer invaluable guidance to NYSERDA and the State."

NYSERDA Chairman Vincent Delorio, Esq. said: "On behalf of NYSERDA, I am pleased to announce the selection and appointment of Frank Murray as President and CEO. Mr. Murray's leadership will be critical in helping NYSERDA implement Governor Paterson's energy initiatives. His experience in energy related matters will be equally helpful in our work and relationship with the federal government and private sector."

Mr. Murray most recently served as Senior Advisor at the environmental consulting firm Ecology and Environment, Inc., a post he has held since 1998. Prior to that, Mr. Murray worked from 1997 to 1998 as Policy Advisor to the United States Secretary of Energy, assisting in the development of the Clinton Administration's national energy policy. From 1992 to 1994, Mr. Murray served as the New York State Commissioner of Energy and Chairman of the NYSERDA Board of Directors, then a statutory function of the State Energy Commissioner.

In 1985, Mr. Murray was appointed Deputy Secretary for Energy and the Environment, a position he held until 1992. He served from 1983 to 1985 as Assistant Secretary for Energy and the Environment in the administration of New York State Governor Mario M. Cuomo. Mr. Murray began his work on New York State energy issues as an energy and environmental policy advisor to Governor Hugh Carey from 1980 to 1982.

Mr. Murray received his Bachelor of Science in Foreign Service from the Edmund A. Walsh School of Foreign Service at Georgetown University, and his Juris Doctorate from Georgetown University Law Center.

As President and Chief Executive Officer of NYSERDA, Mr. Murray's salary will be \$157,955.

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