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BISHOP SAYS COMPROMISE IS VICTORY FOR REGION

Congressman Vows to Continue to Press for Federal Legislation

Washington, DC— Congressman Tim Bishop today applauded a compromise between New York and Connecticut which will result in the reactivation of the Cross Sound Cable. Bishop, who is the author of legislation to reactivate the Cross Sound Cable said this is not only a victory for Long Island consumers, but the entire region.

“This compromise is a win-win, which will bolster our regional energy security,” Bishop said. “As we head into the dog days of summer, I am glad to know the Cross Sound Cable will be supplying energy, rather than lying dormant.”

However, in light of the fluctuating stances on the Cross Sound Cable, which had originally been approved by Connecticut regulators, Bishop urged the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) to issue an order to reinstate the Cable and will continue to pursue his legislation.

“I am optimistic that this compromise will hold, but our regional energy security is too important to be at people’s whims,” Bishop said. “It is very important for the Federal government to make its prerogatives clear in this matter.”

Bishop credited an increasing amount of national pressure for helping to bring about the compromise. In addition to Bishop’s legislation to reactivate the Cable, the House Energy and Water Committee held a hearing on the Cable. Following that hearing, FERC officials held a meeting with both sides last Thursday, resulting in today’s compromise.

“I am glad the Federal government stood up and met its responsibility to ensure the reliability of the regional energy grid,” Bishop said. “I think this victory owes a lot to the entire Long Island Congressional delegation standing shoulder to shoulder and fighting together.”

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