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BISHOP APPLAUDS CROSS SOUND CABLE DECISION

Congressman Vows to Continue to Press for Federal Legislation

Washington, DC— Congressman Tim Bishop applauded today's decision by the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) to reactivate the Cross Sound Cable as a victory for Long Island ratepayers which will also improve regional energy security. However, in light of Connecticut's stance that it will pursue all efforts to turn off the Cable, Bishop said he will continue to pursue his legislation to keep the Cable activated.

"I am glad the Federal government stood up and met its responsibility to ensure the reliability of the regional energy grid," Bishop said. "This decision is a victory for Long Island ratepayers."

"In order to ensure that Long Islanders can continue to count on this important source of energy, I will pursue my legislation to make sure it stays on," Bishop added.

FERC last Thursday gave New York and Connecticut one week to reach a compromise to turn the Cable back on. At many points, a compromise seemed imminent, with New York paying to turn the Cross Sound Cable back on, in addition to paying to fix aging power lines that benefit Connecticut. However, the deal kept breaking down after Connecticut officials repeatedly increased their demands.

"I believe reasonable people acting in good faith could have reached a compromise," Bishop said.

In addition to Bishop's legislation to reactivate the Cable, the House Energy and Water Committee held a hearing on the Cable in May following an outcry from the Long Island delegation. Following that hearing, FERC officials held a meeting with both sides last Thursday, resulting in today's compromise.

"I think this victory owes a lot to the entire Long Island Congressional delegation standing shoulder to shoulder and fighting together," Bishop said.

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