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BYSIEWICZ REACHES OUT TO PATERSON

SECRETARY OF THE STATE URGES NEW YORK GOVERNOR-DESIGNATE TO REJECT BROADWATER PROPOSAL

HARTFORD: Secretary of the State Susan Bysiewicz reached out today to New York Governor-designate David Paterson and urged him to reject Shell Oil Company's plan to locate the Broadwater floating natural gas terminal in the Long Island Sound. Secretary Bysiewicz's action took place on the same day Connecticut's Long Island Sound Liquefied Natural Gas Task Force issued a final report criticizing the approval process of the proposed facility.

In a letter to Governor-designate Paterson Sec. Bysiewicz said, "I firmly believe the Broadwater LNG facility in the Long Island Sound would pose catastrophic and serious environmental and economic risks to the people of Connecticut and New York. There are viable alternatives to provide New York with the natural gas it needs and these alternatives will be up and running well before Broadwater is scheduled to be on line."

Sec. Bysiewicz also wrote to Joseph T. Kelliher, Chairman of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, and asked him to deny approval of the Broadwater facility.

In her letter to Chairman Kelliher, Bysiewicz wrote, "The Task Force's report clearly points to the fact that the Broadwater project would have a detrimental impact on the region and that your agency has apparently ignored the environmental, economic, public policy, and safety and security risks associated with this proposal. The Federal Energy Regulatory Commission must take a step back and look at the broader picture. Only then would it realize that approving the Broadwater LNG facility would be both irresponsible and reprehensible."

Last year, Secretary of the State Bysiewicz testified before the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission against the approval of the Broadwater LNG facility proposal and cited a wide range of serious environmental, security, economic, and other important concerns.