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## **BY SIEWICZ HAILS U.S. COMMERCE DEPARTMENT DENIAL OF BROADWATER APPEAL AS VICTORY IN FIGHT TO PREVENT DESECRATION OF LONG ISLAND SOUND**

FEDERAL GOVERNMENT UPHOLDS NEW YORK, CONNECTICUT IN SAYING “NO” TO  
IRRESPONSIBLE LIQUEFIED NATURAL GAS PROJECT

**HARTFORD:** Connecticut Secretary of the State Susan Bysiewicz is hailing the U.S. Department of Commerce decision to deny an appeal of New York State’s decision to reject Coastal Consistency Certification for the proposed Broadwater floating Liquefied Natural Gas Terminal. Secretary Bysiewicz, a longtime environmental advocate and opponent of Broadwater energy’s proposal, issued the following statement:

“The Commerce Department’s denial of this unjustified appeal is a decisive victory in the fight to prevent the desecration and industrialization of the Long Island Sound,” said Secretary Bysiewicz. “The states of New York and Connecticut have stood united in their opposition to Broadwater, for the obvious reason that it would seriously endanger one of our most sensitive and valuable ecosystems and fisheries in Long Island Sound. Our steadfastness has paid off and I think we can finally and officially say that this monstrosity of a project is dead and gone forever.”

Bysiewicz continued, “Broadwater should never be built; it is the wrong plan, at the wrong place, at the wrong time. The idea of a floating LNG terminal in Long Island Sound poses grave ecological, economic and security threats for more than 10 million people in Connecticut and New York. I want to thank the sensible review undertaken by the Obama Administration and U.S. Commerce Secretary Gary Locke. It is also important to thank members of Congress,

legislators, environmental advocates and concerned citizens from across Connecticut and New York who continue to stand up to big oil's plan to industrialize our greatest shared natural resource.”

In March of 2008, Secretary Bysiewicz wrote to New York Governor David Paterson, Joseph T. Kelliher, Chairman of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, and New York Secretary of State Lorraine Cortés-Vázquez, asking them to deny approval of the Broadwater facility.

In her letter to Chairman Kelliher, Bysiewicz wrote, “The (Connecticut Broadwater) 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.”

In her letter to Secretary Cortés-Vázquez, Secretary Bysiewicz wrote, “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. I respectfully urge you to oppose the granting of a Coastal Consistency Certification for the certification of the Broadwater LNG site (F-2006-0345) pursuant to New York Department of State’s review under 387(c)(3)(A) of the Coastal Zone Management Act, 16 U.S.C. § 1451 et. seq. ”

In 2007, 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.

New York Secretary of State Cortés-Vázquez notified Secretary Bysiewicz of her decision to reject Coastal Consistency Certification for the proposed Broadwater floating LNG terminal on April 9, 2008.