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## **Another 20,000 Signatures Sent to FERC in Opposition to Broadwater The Total: 80,000 Signatures in Opposition, Sets National Record**

**Farmingdale, New York** - Citizens Campaign for the Environment has mailed FERC the latest round of petition signatures in opposition to Broadwater. *To date, a grand total of 80,000 signatures opposing the ill-fated project have been mailed to FERC.*

“The signatures of opposition are from all parts of Connecticut, Westchester County and Long Island. The public opposition is widespread, strong and it’s not going away,” said Adrienne Esposito, Executive Director of Citizens Campaign for the Environment.

“We are hopeful that Governor Spitzer will hear the unified call of the people to protect Long Island Sound.”

The Anti-Broadwater Campaign is awaiting Governor Spitzer and New York State Department of State’s ruling on whether or not Broadwater will be approved under the Coastal Zone Management Act (CZMA). This federal law was designed to protect waterways from over-intensified uses. “If New York State wrongly decides that Broadwater is in compliance with the CZMA, then New York will have greatly weakened the value of this essential law. A ruling against Broadwater will be a ruling for the protection of all water bodies. This state decision will make history, not only for New York but for the rest of our nation,” Esposito concluded.

New York State currently has a deadline of releasing their decision by February 12, 2008, pending the release of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission’s Final Environmental Impact Statement. This report is currently scheduled to be released at the end of December/ beginning of January.