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## ***PRESS RELEASE***

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### **LEGISLATOR CARACCIOLO SEEKS COUNTY REPRESENTATION AT FERC HEARINGS**

In light of the potentially devastating effects the Broadwater Energy proposal to moor a Liquefied Natural Gas terminal in the Long Island Sound off Wading River could have on Suffolk County's economic and environmental stability, Legislator Michael J. Caracciolo (R-Baiting Hollow) has introduced a Procedural Resolution in the Legislature to ensure that Suffolk County has adequate representation at the LNG terminal hearings to be held by the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission. Under Legislator Caracciolo's resolution, Suffolk County would employ the services of a legal firm with expertise in the energy field to represent the County's interests.

Broadwater Energy is presently in the pre-filing review stage of the project, with an anticipated official FERC application in September of 2005. Broadwater proposes the construction of a 1,200 foot LNG terminal in the LI Sound just nine miles off the coast of Wading River. The terminal would be about 180 feet wide and would rise between 75 and 100 feet above the Sound. The floating structure, which would cover about 7,000 square feet of sea bed, would be connected to a pipeline running from the terminal approximately 25 miles to New York City.

Given the potential for both accidental and intention disaster, Legislator Caracciolo said he believes it is imperative Suffolk County have qualified representation when the FERC hearings begin. "Numerous publications and experts in the field have warned that such a facility would be an inviting target for terrorists," Legislator Caracciolo noted. Add to that the potential for an accidental leak or spill and we are looking at a floating time bomb in the Long Island Sound."

Under this important resolution, the Legislature's Economic Development, Higher Education and Energy Committee would be charged with interviewing at least three qualified attorneys and recommending to the full Legislature the selection of an attorney to represent Suffolk County. The County would then enter into a contract with the chosen attorney or firm not to exceed \$100,000 unless increased by a vote of the full Legislature.

"We need to protect our residents from anything that threatens their health and safety, as well as something that this LNG terminal would also threaten, such as our shell-fishing economy and our already fragile environment," Legislator Caracciolo concluded.