



Joint Landowners Coalition of New York, Inc.

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MOUNTAIN STATES LEGAL FOUNDATION & NY LANDOWNERS DEMAND DEC COMPLETE THE SGEIS BY FEBRUARY 13, 2014

BINGHAMTON –January 31, 2014 – The Joint Landowners Coalition of New York announced today that the Mountain States Legal Foundation (MSLF) has agreed to assist with the JLCNY lawsuit against the State of New York. Attached is MSLF’s letter served on behalf of the JLCNY’s 70,000 landowners and two individual landowners on the Department of Environmental Conservation demanding that DEC identify a date when the SGEIS will be completed and permit applications will be processed. Copies of the letter were mailed to the Department of Health and Governor Andrew Cuomo. If DEC fails to comply on or before February 13, 2014, MSLF will file an Article 78 Petition asking a court to compel DEC to complete the SGEIS pursuant to the requirements of the State Environmental Quality Review Act.

“We are delighted to represent people in upstate New York in their efforts to use their private property, develop the abundant energy supplies that lie beneath their land, and create jobs that will benefit themselves, their neighbors, and their communities, cities, and towns,” said William Perry Pendley, MSLF president. MSLF is a nonprofit, public-interest legal foundation incorporated in 1977 and dedicated to the right to own and use property, limited and ethical government, individual liberty, and the free enterprise system. MSLF represents and has represented clients throughout the country during the course of which it has made frequent appearances before federal courts of appeals and the Supreme Court of the United States. Most recently, MSLF appeared before the Supreme Court in the landmark, federal land-grab case of *Marvin M. Brandt Revocable Trust v. United States of America*. MSLF’s national headquarters is in the Denver, Colorado metropolitan area. The JLCNY’s attorneys, Levene Gouldin & Thompson, will serve as local counsel.

JLCNY President Dan Fitzsimmons said: “We have waited a half decade for our State to do its job and complete the SGEIS while we struggle to protect our farms, our land and our families. We are extremely pleased that the Mountain States Legal Foundation will help us defend the rights of New York landowners.”

About The Joint Landowners Coalition of New York *The mission of The Joint Landowners Coalition of New York (JLCNY) is to foster, promote, advance and protect the common interest of the people as it pertains to natural gas development through education and best environmental practices.*

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