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**GNY Insurance Companies Expands Operations into Midwest**

NEW YORK--(BUSINESS WIRE)--Warren Heck, Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of GNY Insurance Companies, announced today that the company has expanded its business operations into the Midwest.

According to Mr. Heck, "GNY will begin by working with commercial insurance brokers in Illinois, and subsequently expand into all of the Midwestern states. We are pleased to announce that Sharon Kenny, CPCU, ARM will manage that operation."

Ms. Kenny has extensive experience in Commercial Property & Casualty Insurance Marketing and Underwriting Management and has been working with Illinois brokers, independent agents and wholesalers for over twenty four years. She received her Masters of Science in Insurance Management from Boston University.

Mr. Heck notes, that GNY "looks forward to forming deep partnerships with commercial lines producers, particularly those with habitational business in the Midwest, adding that no matter how large we get, GNY remains a hands-on company, dedicated to offering our brokers and insured's the highest level of service and integrity, as well as growing our market in this area."

"Licensed to do business in 44 states and the District of Columbia, GNY expanded its operations into the Midwest, early in 2007," Mr. Heck continued. "Due to our growth in this region we are dedicating staff to Illinois business which will allow us to offer better service to our client-base."

GNY Insurance Companies have been in continuous operation for nearly 100 years and are leading underwriters of Commercial Multi-Peril coverage in the Northeast and Mid-Atlantic regions of the country. GNY is an underwriter of habitational, light industrial, office building, restaurant risks and shopping centers, as well as a broad range of additional commercial lines classes. Consistently rated "A+" Superior, by the A.M. Best Company, GNY provides superior protection, broad coverage and outstanding claims handling for its clients. GNY has recently been ranked as one of the 2007 Super Regional Property Casualty Insurers by Insurance Journal. In 2006, GNY received the 2006 Insurer of the Year Award by the Insurance Brokers Association of New York.

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