Statement on the Governor’s Announcement of the First 50% Clean Energy Standard Contract Awardees

ALBANY, NY (March 9, 2018) — Today, Governor Cuomo announced the contract winners of New York’s first solicitation for new renewable energy projects under his 50% by 2030 Clean Energy Standard. The solicitation was issued by the New York State Energy Research and Development Authority (NYSERDA) in June of 2017. This announcement was made at an event at NYU with Vice President Al Gore, where Governor Cuomo expressed commitment to clean, renewable energy and concern about drilling for oil and gas off of New York’s coastlines, given New York’s goals for offshore wind development.

Anne Reynolds, Executive Director of the Alliance for Clean Energy New York (ACE NY) said, “New York’s Clean Energy Standard has today resulted in contracts for twenty-six new renewable energy projects. These wind, solar, and hydro projects will bring investment, jobs, and more pollution-free power to New York. It is exciting to see Governor Cuomo’s nation-leading clean energy policies drive on-the-ground wind and solar projects. These first contract awards under the Clean Energy Standard show that New York is serious about reaching 50% green power by 2030.”

She continued, “NYSERDA set out to buy 1.5 million megawatt-hours of renewable power, and instead awarded contracts for more than twice that. This is great news. The renewable energy industry enthusiastically answered New York’s call for projects with an impressive and diverse group of proposals.”

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About the Alliance for Clean Energy New York: The Alliance for Clean Energy New York (ACE NY) is a broad coalition dedicated to promoting clean energy, energy efficiency, a healthy environment, and a strong economy for the Empire State, and is New York’s premier advocate for the rapid adoption of renewable energy and energy efficiency technologies. www.aceny.org