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AEE, ACE NY Applaud New York’s Bold New Energy Efficiency Target

Washington, D.C., April 20, 2018 — Today, national business organization Advanced Energy Economy (AEE) and Alliance for Clean Energy New York (ACE NY) issued the following statement in reaction to New York State’s significant announcement (https://on.ny.gov/2qLMxQA) today to increase energy efficiency efforts 50% over current levels:

“Today’s announcement represents a big commitment to money-saving energy efficiency by Governor Cuomo,” said Lisa Frantzis, senior vice president of Advanced Energy Economy, a national business association. “It is inspiring to see New York take on energy efficiency with the same level of ambition the state has shown on renewable energy and utility transformation. The result will be savings for customers and jobs for New Yorkers making homes and businesses more energy efficient.”

“This new commitment to energy efficiency is excellent news for an industry that already employs 110,000 New Yorkers, and now will employ more,” Said Anne Reynolds, Executive Director of the Alliance for Clean Energy New York. “Efficiency is extremely valuable to the environment, to utility customers, and to a clean and resilient grid. To be successful, this program will need to clearly recognize and monetize that value and provide a simple and streamlined method for utilities to achieve efficiency. We look forward to working with the utilities, the state and all stakeholders to ensure Governor Cuomo’s exciting goals yield real and timely results.”

It is expected that this announcement will kick-off a proceeding at the Public Service Commission to develop the critical implementation details regarding energy efficiency requirements for utilities. The industry members of ACE NY and AEE will be active participants in that proceeding, advocating for a program that views efficiency as a resource, recognizes and monetizes the value of energy efficiency, ensures equity in terms of efficiency access across all customer types and locations in New York, sends appropriate signals to pursue robust energy efficiency, and is implemented as swiftly as possible.
About Advanced Energy Economy
Advanced Energy Economy is a national association of businesses that are making the energy we use secure, clean, and affordable. Advanced energy encompasses a broad range of products and services that constitute the best available technologies for meeting energy needs today and tomorrow. AEE’s mission is to transform public policy to enable rapid growth of advanced energy businesses. AEE and its state and regional partner organizations are active in 27 states across the country, representing more than 1,000 companies and organizations in the advanced energy industry. Learn more at www.aee.net and track our latest news @AEEnet.

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

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