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The Alliance for Clean Energy New York (ACE NY) strongly supports Part LL of the proposed Executive Budget and urges its inclusion in the State Budget. Part LL would allow NYPA to supply power or credits from competitive market sources to any of its customers, any public entity, or a community choice aggregation (CCA) community. It would also allow NYPA to plan, finance, construct, or operate transmission facilities from renewable projects located outside state jurisdictional waters of New York.

ACE NY enthusiastically support Part LL as the State seeks to increase the use of renewable energy. As we move towards the 50% Clean Energy Standard, or a more aggressive goal of 70% renewable energy as recently stated by the Governor, New York needs to accelerate renewable energy development. Part LL is an efficient way to promote and expand renewable energy procurement, which is necessary to get projects financed and built. Under this authority, NYPA could potentially buy power and/or renewable energy credits (RECs) on behalf of a city, town, SUNY, CCA, or other government entity.

Part LL will enhance New York’s ability to attract private capital to invest in new clean energy projects and maintain the role of independent generators in New York’s competitive electricity markets. In this way, new wind, solar, hydropower, or fuel cell projects will compete with each other for a NYPA contract, harnessing the competitive markets to ensure the lowest costs to ratepayers.

ACE NY also supports Part KK, which focuses on energy efficiency and conservation, and facilitates NYPA support for energy efficiency projects. ACE NY maintains that NYPA should not be engaged in directly developing new renewable energy projects. As the voice of New York’s renewable industry, ACE NY does not favor NYPA competing with private companies to develop projects but should instead competitively purchase clean power from private developers.

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