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Friends of Upstate New York Wind Launches;
Community, Environmental, Labor, and Business Groups Join Together
in Support of Growing Wind Power in New York State

Albany, NY, July 10, 2019 — Friends of Upstate New York Wind, a website and resource center
created to support the growth of responsibly-sited wind power projects in Upstate New York, will
launch today. A joint project of New Yorkers for Clean Power (NYCP) and the Alliance for Clean
Energy New York (ACE NY), the diverse group of supporting organizations share an interest in
providing accurate information about wind energy, especially its economic benefits.

“New Yorkers for Clean Power is thrilled to launch this new educational tool for supporters of
clean energy across New York,” said NYCP Director Betta Broad. “We have been impressed with
the broad support that exists for non-polluting energy across Upstate, but are concerned by the
prevalence of misleading information. We are excited by this effort to share accurate information
about the benefits of clean power with our families, friends and neighbors.”

“We want people to know how great wind power can be for Upstate New York. This new portal
provides accurate information on wind power and stories about wind farms already operating in
New York State. We do not want misleading information about wind energy to cost residents,
especially farmers and construction workers, the opportunity to prosper and thrive in the state’s new clean energy economy,” said ACE NY Executive Director Anne Reynolds.

Friends of Upstate NY Wind will provide updated accurate information regarding the benefits of wind power: energy diversity and security, construction jobs that pay prevailing wage, tax revenue and economic development, farmland preservation and public health. In particular, the aim is increase the amount of operating wind projects in Upstate New York in order to bring those jobs and tax payments to Upstate communities.

“We are pleased to sign on to Friends of Upstate NY Wind’s website and resource center,” said John Hutchings, Director New York State Laborers Organizing Fund. “We support the growth of responsibly-sited wind power projects in New York State and the family-sustaining careers these projects will create while fighting the climate crisis.”

Karl R. Rábago, Executive Director, Pace Energy and Climate Center, said, “New York has what it takes to go from good to even greater in wind energy development—the entrepreneurship, the financial skills, the workforce, and the resources. We can join other leading wind energy states with more straight talk, joint effort, and clear messaging. That’s why the Pace Energy and Climate Center is so excited to join in the launch of this great information and collaboration platform.”

“As New York transitions to a new energy future, diversity in our energy supply is critical,” said Gavin Donohue, President and CEO of Independent Power Producers of New York (IPPNY). “IPPNY supports this initiative to ensure that fair, honest, and accurate information about wind power is available. Reaching the state’s energy and environmental goals will be no small feat, and the investment of independent power producers in technologies like wind is essential.”

“Now that New York has passed nation-leading climate legislation, codifying our clean energy goals into law, it’s time to build quality, sustainable, local wind projects,” said Cullen Howe, Senior Renewable Energy Advocate at the Natural Resources Defense Council. “Friends of Upstate NY Wind will serve as a powerhouse of knowledge and provide an essential, but sorely needed resource to propel us to a clean energy future – facts.”

Julie Tighe, President of the New York League of Conservation Voters said "New York State's recently established goals of 70% renewable energy by 2030 and 100% clean energy by 2040 are a nation-leading commitment to fight climate change, and we can't achieve them without significant new wind power projects in upstate New York. Wind power is emissions-free, low-impact, and creates jobs - it's a win-win-win for upstate New York, which is why we're proud to join Friends of Upstate NY Wind Power. We look forward to working alongside members to ensure all New Yorkers have access to reliable information about the benefits of wind energy and the potential it holds for New York."

Organizations that have signed on to support Friends of Upstate NY Wind agree there is a need for quick growth of responsibly-sited wind power projects and the jobs they will create. They are not endorsing any specific wind power proposal, and recognize that each proposal should and will undergo its own environmental review, public participation, and permitting processes. See complete list of endorsing organizations below.
Initial supporters of Friends of Upstate NY Wind include:

- Alliance for Clean Energy New York (ACE NY)
- Alliance for a Green Economy
- Binghamton Regional Sustainability Coalition
- Catskill Mountainkeeper
- Climate Change Awareness and Action
- Environmental Entrepreneurs (E2)
- Environmental Advocates of New York
- Food and Water Watch
- Independent Power Producers of New York
- International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers
- New Yorkers For Clean Power
- Natural Resources Defense Council (NRDC)
- New York League for Conservation Voters Education Fund
- New York Public Interest Research Group
- New York State LECET Labor Management Fund
- New York State Laborers’ Organizing Fund – Liuna!
- NYS Sustainable Business Council
- Pace Energy and Climate Center
- Rochester People’s Climate Coalition
- Sierra Club
- The Nature Conservancy New York

For more information, please go to: www.FriendsofUpstateNYWind.org.

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About New Yorkers for Clean Power (NYCP): NYCP is a statewide collaborative campaign to rapidly shift to a clean energy economy. Through education, advocacy and organizing, NYCP engages the public, local governments and businesses to advance a range of renewable energy, energy efficiency and clean transportation solutions. https://nyforcleanpower.org

About the Alliance for Clean Energy New York (ACE NY): 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