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Statement from Alliance for Clean Energy New York Director Anne Reynolds and New York Offshore Wind Alliance Director Joe Martens Regarding Governor Cuomo’s Workforce Development Initiative

January 7, 2020 -- Clean energy in New York is the twenty-first century equivalent of California’s Silicon Valley, and Governor Cuomo’s Workforce Development Initiative is positioning New York to be a leader in the clean energy sector. New York’s nation-leading Climate Leadership and Community Protection Act, signed by the Governor this past summer, cannot succeed without a well-trained workforce and this initiative could not be timelier or more necessary to ensure that we meet the Act’s ambitious renewable energy and greenhouse gas standards. This initiative is a commitment to New York future, from clean energy to clean vehicles. In particular, the creation of the Offshore Wind Training Institute on Long Island will ensure that the workforce is ready to build the first two large-scale offshore wind farm off of New York’s coast in 2021 and subsequent offshore wind farms that will get us to 9,000 megawatts of offshore wind by 2035. New York is leading the nation in addressing climate change and thanks to this initiative, the workforce will be trained and ready to build the projects that will lead the nation and the world to a cleaner, healthier future.

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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

About the New York Offshore Wind Alliance: The New York Offshore Wind Alliance (NYOWA) is a diverse coalition of organizations with a shared interest in promoting the responsible development of offshore wind power for New York. NYOWA is a new project of the Alliance for Clean Energy New York (ACE NY). www.aceny.org/NYOWA