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Statement from Alliance for Clean Energy NY: FERC Decisions Negative for NY Clean Energy Resources

Albany, NY, February 20, 2020 – The Federal Energy Resource Commission (FERC) acted on several NYISO related ‘Buyer Side Mitigation’ (BSM) market rules today that will adversely affect clean energy resources in New York. FERC ruled that the energy storage resources that are so vital to the advancement of renewable resources would not be exempted from the application of the BSM. FERC also rejected the NYISO proposal to exempt 1,000 MW of renewable resources from the application of BSM.

ACENY is disappointed with these FERC decisions. FERC does not appear to value the contribution of clean energy resources to fight climate change. The FERC decisions create an unnecessary barrier to entry of new renewable energy resources that are essential to achieving New York State’s Climate Leadership and Community Protection Act standards to address climate change.

The decisions result in many renewable resources not qualifying to receive capacity payments in the NYISO markets. This would make the financial viability of these resources more difficult. Further, consumer costs will increase as they will have to pay for extra capacity as a result of the FERC decisions. At the same time, the FERC decisions would unnecessarily prolong the life of fossil resources in the State that should be retiring.

ACENY along with other clean energy partners will appeal the FERC decisions.

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