BROAD COALITION OF ENVIRONMENTAL AND LABOR GROUPS PUSH FOR RENEWABLE ENERGY SITING REFORM PROPOSAL

March 16, 2020 – A broad group of labor and environmental organizations push for Article 23 reforms to the siting of renewable energy projects in New York State. See full statement below.

We applaud New York State’s relentless efforts to prevent the spread of COVID-19. The resiliency of New Yorkers is on full display and there is no doubt that we will get past this.

The development of well sited renewable energy and transmission projects offers the state an opportunity to continue building this nascent industry in New York, creating local jobs, providing direct financial support for our communities and landowners. For example, there are now 67 wind and solar projects with contracts from New York, waiting to get started.

Enacting and implementing a renewable energy siting and transmission reform proposal, and a plan to invest in new transmission, will fast-track the development of wind farms, solar farms and transmission lines that will deploy clean, renewable energy throughout the state while offering opportunities for displaced workers to find rewarding, long-term, jobs, all of which are required to pay prevailing wage by virtue of their State contract.

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