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New York's Offshore Wind Industry Welcomes New Federal Offshore Leasing in New York Bight

Albany, NY, June 11, 2021 – The Alliance for Clean Energy New York applauds the Biden-Harris Administration, the Bureau of Ocean Energy Management (“BOEM”) and the United States Department of the Interior for beginning the process to lease areas between the New York and New Jersey coast for the development of offshore wind. ACE NY celebrates this announcement as it is key to the development of the offshore wind energy industry and to continue to place New York State on the path to a clean energy future.

Joe Martens, Director of the New York Offshore Wind Alliance (NYOWA) stated, “The Biden-Harris Administration has already made fantastic progress – in short order – in bringing this new industry to the United States. This lease sale is the next important step and is especially important to the progress of New York’s program. By unlocking these areas for offshore wind development, we are unlocking the potential for job creation, port redevelopment, economic development and investment that is critical as New York continues to rebuild from the impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic. The New York Offshore Wind Alliance looks forward to working with environmental justice and labor union leaders. We will review the [Proposed Sale Notice \(PSN\)](#) and submit feedback. We appreciate that the Department of Interior is seeking public input and moving ahead at a good clip towards the leasing process. We are anxious to bring more private investment and competition to the offshore wind program in New York.”

Anne Reynolds, Executive Director of the Alliance for Clean Energy New York (ACE NY) stated, “The provision of new lease areas for offshore wind is great news for New York’s offshore wind program. This will allow additional companies to compete for leases and subsequently compete for contracts. More competition in New York will only strengthen the State’s Clean Energy Standard Program and bring the best deal for renewable energy to New Yorkers.” She continued, “Our State’s law requires that 70% of our electricity is from renewable sources in 2030 and opening up these areas to offshore wind development is a critical milestone in achieving this.”

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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