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Statement Supporting Public Service Commission's Approval of South Fork Wind Cable Landing

Albany, NY, - March 18, 2021 – "As groups representing local civic, environmental advocacy, labor and the business community, we collectively believe that the advancement of offshore wind projects, such as South Fork Wind, are among the most powerful tools to help New York transition to a cleaner, greener and more resilient clean energy economy. The Public Service Commission's (PSC) approval today of the project's cable landing is another milestone along the path to South Fork Wind becoming New York's first offshore wind farm, and we applaud their thorough review and approval of this historic project,

When complete, South Fork Wind will provide enough clean energy to power more than 70,000 homes – reducing carbon emissions, creating green jobs, and helping the state meet its commitment to clean energy. We have stood side-by-side and championed this project because its success is directly tied to the ability of New York to achieve its goals of combating climate change with 100% clean energy, including at least 9,000 megawatts of offshore wind, and because it will create good union jobs in our communities.

Today's PSC approval is a historic vote because it sets New York on the path to a nation-leading offshore wind energy program with South Work Wind serving as the cornerstone of a more sustainable and resilient future. We commend the PSC and its staff, local and state elected officials, the multiple state agencies that were a part of this process, and all of the experts, advocates and community leaders whose efforts over the past two years brought us together and made today's milestone possible. We look forward to the final steps in the process and seeing South Fork Wind emerge as a shining example of a collaborative and community driven approach to clean energy development."

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