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New York Offshore Wind Alliance Statement on Biden Administration Offshore Wind Announcements

Albany, NY, March 29, 2021. Joe Martens, Director of the New York Offshore Wind Alliance offered the following statement after a suite of announcements today by the Biden Administration regarding the development of offshore wind energy:

“Today’s announcements by the Biden Administration are staggering in their scope and magnitude and demonstrate the Administration’s commitment to addressing climate change, job creation and long-standing issues of environmental justice and social equity. The President has set an ambitious target of 30 gigawatts (GW) of offshore wind energy by 2030, enough to power 10 million homes. In addition to creating thousands of family-sustaining jobs, this commitment will trigger billions in investments in New York and up and down the east coast.

Importantly, the Administration announced the designation of a new wind energy area (WEA) in the New York Bight, a designation that languished for two years under the previous administration. This designation is a necessary first step in unleashing what will become a decades-long pipeline of family-sustaining union jobs, economic development, port and infrastructure upgrades, as well as providing significant revenue to state coffers and the U.S. Treasury that will assist with COVID relief and overall economic recovery. This announcement will also help ensure that New York and New Jersey can meet their nation-leading commitments to offshore wind development.

The significance of today’s bold and ambitious announcements cannot be understated. While coastal states, particularly New York, have been aggressively pursuing this new-to-the-United States clean energy technology, we have lacked a partner in Washington until now. Today’s announcement changes that. The cross-Administration commitment to responsibly-developed offshore wind is clear and unambiguous and the New York Offshore Wind Alliance stands ready to help meet the goals, train and employ the workforce and ensure that offshore wind development protects biodiversity and promotes co-ocean use.”

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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