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NYOWA Statement on Veto of The Planned Offshore Wind Transmission Act

ALBANY, October 20, 2023 – Today, the New York Offshore Wind Alliance (NYOWA) issued the following statement in response to the Governor’s veto of The Planned Offshore Wind Transmission Act (S.6218A/A.7764). The bill vetoed by the Governor would have, in pertinent part, authorized the City of Long Beach to discontinue the use of and alienate certain lands to EW Offshore Wind Transport to construct, maintain, and operate a subterranean conduit and electrical distribution cable system associated with an offshore wind energy facility.

“The Governor’s actions are not matching her words. As a previously professed champion of offshore wind, we are once again mystified by the Governor’s decision to veto this essential authorization and to put another nail in the coffin of the Empire Wind project,” stated New York Offshore Wind Alliance Director Fred Zalcman. “It is hard to square this decision, along with last week’s silence regarding the Public Service Commission’s denial of inflation adjustments, with public statements that momentum continues for New York’s offshore wind industry. New York still has the potential to be the guiding light for the rest of the country, but actions like the one taken today stifle hope and embolden misguided detractors.”

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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