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**Statement from The Alliance for Clean Energy New York on the inclusion of the
RAPID Act in the Final FY 2024-25 State Budget**

ALBANY, N.Y. – The following is a statement attributable to Deb Peck Kelleher, interim executive director of The Alliance for Clean Energy New York (ACE NY):

"We are optimistic that the negotiated version of the Renewable Action Through Project Interconnection and Deployment (RAPID) Act will streamline the permitting process for renewable energy projects, especially much-needed transmission projects. We at ACE NY have worked to spread the message of how crucial transmission infrastructure is to our overall clean energy goals. It is clear that improvements to the permitting process are needed and the RAPID Act will help us get there.

"We thank the Governor and Legislature for their continued support of clean energy development and their commitment to meeting New York's climate goals.

"With only six construction seasons left until 2030, time is of the essence, and we cannot afford any delays. Getting shovels in the ground means progress in the fight against climate change, it means thousands of family-sustaining quality jobs, and it means much needed tax revenue for our communities. As we work toward our Climate Act goals, ACE NY looks forward to continuing to work with our partners both inside and outside of government to make that a reality."

About the Alliance for Clean Energy New York: *The Alliance for Clean Energy New York (ACE NY) is a non-profit organization dedicated to promoting clean energy, energy efficiency, a healthy environment, and a strong economy for the Empire State, and is New York's premier advocate for the rapid adoption of renewable energy and energy efficiency technologies. www.aceny.org*

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