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ACE NY Responds to Governor Hochul's 2024-2025 Budget Presentation

ALBANY, Jan. 16, 2024 — In response to Governor Kathy Hochul's budget address and proposals earlier today, and specifically the RAPID Act, Deb Peck Kelleher, interim executive director of The Alliance for Clean Energy New York stated:

"There have been many roadblocks to getting renewable energy projects to completion, and despite the improvements we have seen at the Office of Renewable Energy Siting (ORES), a more streamlined and efficient process is needed in New York. We are reviewing the details of the governor's proposed RAPID Act with great interest, but in general, it makes sense that this vital state office would fall under the purview of the Department of Public Service.

"In addition, we thank the governor for recognizing the crucial role that transmission projects play in our green energy transition and are encouraged by the proposal to streamline the transmission project permitting process through ORES.

"We applaud the governor's proposed investments in the environment, including additional funding for the Office of Just Transition, working to retrain the workforce for our new green economy."

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About the Alliance for Clean Energy New York: The Alliance for Clean Energy New York (ACE NY) is a broad coalition 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