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ACE NY Statement on the New York Public Service Commission Action on Grid Planning

ALBANY, Aug. 17, 2023 — Anne Reynolds, Executive Director of the Alliance for Clean Energy New York had the following statement in response to New York Public Service Commission action today:

"We applaud the Commission for its decision to greenlight this grid planning process to facilitate grid upgrades, renewables construction, and the transition to our clean energy future. A stronger grid will deliver clean, pollution-free power and pave the way for economic development. Today's action means that New York utilities can kick off a crucial new grid planning process. We especially appreciate that the process will be two years instead of three, because time is of the essence.

"Under the leadership of Governor Kathy Hochul, New York has not shied away from investing in important transmission projects. New York needs to plan and design the grid of the future, one that is safe, reliable, and powered by clean, renewable electricity. We also need a modern, hightech grid than can withstand the impacts of the climate events brought on by a changing climate."

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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. <u>www.aceny.org</u>