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New York State Energy Plan Supports Prosperity and Climate Action with Nuclear

Albany, NY - Nuclear New York and Mothers for Nuclear applaud action taken by the New York State Energy Planning Board, New York State Energy Research and Development Authority (NYSERDA), and Governor Kathy Hochul to advance a New York State Energy Plan that tackles climate change while providing a more achievable, balanced, and forward-looking vision of the future.

Reflecting extensive public engagement, the final 2025 State Energy Plan represents meaningful progress from the draft plan issued for comment in July. It addresses concerns raised about reliability, cost, and the dangers of relying too heavily on intermittent generation. Moreover, the final Plan openly acknowledges the challenges of deep decarbonization and the need for firm clean power to support electrification, advanced manufacturing, data centers, and economic growth.

Importantly, the Plan affirms the ongoing value of New York's existing nuclear fleet, which supplies more than a fifth of electricity generated in-state and world-class reliability. Renewing New York's Zero Emission Credit (ZEC) program will ensure that today's reactors remain a cornerstone of grid stability and affordability.

Equally significant is the Plan's support for new nuclear technology. Advanced nuclear—ranging from large modern reactors to small modular and next-generation designs—offers compact land use, exceptional safety, and the ability to provide round-the-clock baseload power or flexible, dispatchable electricity to complement renewables. These attributes make the technology well-suited for deployment across New York, from existing energy and industrial hubs to new host communities that welcome long-term investment, skilled jobs, and tax revenue.

Over time, New York can and should plan for the statewide deployment of advanced nuclear energy, building on NYPA's leadership, multistate collaboration, and private-sector partnerships. Doing so, the state can meet its climate goals without sacrificing reliability, driving up energy costs, or placing disproportionate burdens on rural communities and natural landscapes.

"The 2025 State Energy Plan signals a turning point," said Dietmar Detering, Chair of Nuclear New York. "By recognizing the indispensable role of nuclear energy alongside renewables, New York is positioning itself to lead — not lag—in the clean energy economy. With continued collaboration, transparent planning, and community engagement, advanced nuclear can deliver carbon-free power, good jobs, and energy security for generations."

"Reliable, affordability energy is vital to securing political will," added Kate Kressmann-Kehoe with Mothers for Nuclear in New York. "Nuclear is not only a prudent economic investment. It is an essential component of any strategy to retire fossil fuels and deliver real action on climate change that our children deserve."

Nuclear New York and Mothers for Nuclear look forward to continued engagement with state agencies, policymakers, labor, industry, and local communities to turn vision into reality and to ensure that advanced nuclear becomes a durable, statewide asset in New York's clean energy future.

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