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STATEMENT FROM GOVERNOR DAVID A. PATERSON

“I applaud the New York State Public Service Commission for taking historic action today to expand the Renewable Portfolio Standard (RPS), increasing the target amount of electricity generated from renewable resources to 30 percent by 2015. Expanding the State’s renewable energy goal is a critical step in transitioning New York to a robust clean energy economy.

“This landmark renewable energy initiative is a fundamental part of my ‘45 by 15’ goal, which calls for meeting 45 percent of New York State’s electricity needs through improved energy efficiency and greater use of clean renewable energy by 2015. Reaching this goal is expected to reduce the negative impacts of energy use on public health and the environment, reduce greenhouse gas emissions, improve energy independence and create tens of thousands of jobs in New York.

“The RPS has been New York’s primary policy initiative to promote the development of new renewable energy resources. In addition, increasing the RPS, which I called for in my 2009 State of the State address, is a key component to implementing the recently released State Energy Plan. That plan includes recommendations to expand the use of clean, environmentally sound energy technologies to meet our long-term energy needs.”

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