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NUCA Statement On Resumption Of New York Wind Energy Project Construction

(Fairfax, Va.) -- The National Utility Contractors Association (NUCA) issued the following statement by NUCA Vice President of Government Affairs Zack Perconti on resumption of construction for the Empire Wind 1 offshore wind project construction after an April stop-work order by the U.S. Dept. of Interior's Bureau of Ocean Energy Management:

"The National Utility Contractors Association (NUCA) and the American utility construction sector strongly support Interior Secretary Burgum's directive to lift the stop-work order on the Empire Wind offshore wind project. This decision is a pivotal step toward advancing economic development and energy infrastructure in the mid-Atlantic region. The resumption of this project highlights its role as a catalyst for job creation, regional growth, and sustainable energy production, aligning with national priorities for a robust and diversified energy portfolio."

"Secretary Burgum's action emphasizes the urgent need for comprehensive permitting reforms to eliminate arbitrary disruptions to critical energy projects. Streamlined permitting processes would not only benefit offshore wind developments such as Empire Wind but also facilitate other essential infrastructure, such as New York's natural gas pipelines and additional East Coast wind projects. By reducing regulatory bottlenecks, reforms would ensure timely project execution, enhance investor confidence, and accelerate the deployment of clean and reliable energy solutions."

"NUCA's "All-of-the-Above" energy policy advocates for a balanced approach, recognizing the complementary roles of wind, natural gas, and other energy sources in strengthening the nation's energy framework. This strategy supports technological innovation and infrastructure resilience, ensuring that diverse energy forms contribute to a stable and sustainable grid. The Empire Wind project, alongside other renewable and traditional energy initiatives, underscores the importance of a cohesive policy that prioritizes energy independence and environmental stewardship. The Empire Wind project's revival is a testament to the potential of this Administration's strategic policy decisions to unlock transformative infrastructure investments, paving the way for a dynamic and resilient energy future for America."

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