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ALICIA BARTON, FORMER NYSERDA PRESIDENT AND CEO, TO KEYNOTE SIXTH ANNUAL NEWIEE WOMEN SHAPING THE AGENDA EVENT
Panel Discussion to Follow on Promoting Equitable Access to Clean Energy and a Sustainable Environment

BOSTON, MA—New England Women in Energy and the Environment (NEWIEE) will host its sixth annual “Women Shaping the Agenda” event virtually on Thursday, July 23, from 3:30 PM to 5:00 PM. This year’s event will feature NYSERDA's former President and CEO Alicia Barton as the keynote speaker, followed by an insightful panel discussion on Promoting Equitable Access to Clean Energy and a Sustainable Environment.

“With the historic convergence of the COVID-19 pandemic, the unprecedented social unrest across our nation in response to systemic racism, and the ongoing climate crisis, we are faced with a stark revelation of the connections between our energy systems, race, public health, and our ongoing vulnerability to climate-related impacts in the future." said Alicia Barton, former President and CEO of NYSERDA. "We face a pivotal moment in our efforts to advance climate justice and equitable access to clean energy and clean energy jobs and I am honored to be joining NEWIEE’s Women Shaping the Agenda event for this critically important conversation and this critically important time.”

The panel topic—Promoting Equitable Access to Clean Energy and a Sustainable Environment—will feature:

- Shalanda H. Baker, Professor of Law, Public Policy and Urban Affairs, Northeastern University School of Law, Co-Founder and Co-Director, Initiative for Energy Justice
- Mariella Puerto, Co-Director for Climate, Barr Foundation
- Shubhada Kambli, Sustainability Coordinator, City of Hartford Office of Sustainability
- Moderated by Nancy L. Seidman, Senior Advisor, Regulatory Assistance Project

The New England region is transitioning to cleaner forms of energy production as it pursues emissions reductions and other environmental sustainability goals. But in this march toward greener power and a cleaner environment, who among us are being left behind, underserved, or overburdened? What work are we doing to ensure that no segment of the population is denied equal access to the environmental benefits of clean energy? What steps are we taking to ensure that no segment of the population bears a disproportionate share of the risks and consequences of the climate crisis or the costs of the response? These questions are urgent. This panel will feature a discussion among industry experts and thought leaders on the research, policies, and initiatives they are pursuing to promote equitable access to clean energy and a sustainable environment.

Tickets to the Sixth Annual Women Shaping the Agenda event are on sale until July 22nd. For more information, and to purchase tickets, please visit www.NEWIEE.org. Sponsorship opportunities are also available.

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Founded in 2008, NEWIEE provides a forum for sharing the expertise and experiences of its members while fostering a dynamic environment for those passionate about energy and environmental issues in the New England region and beyond.