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LEADING N.E. WOMEN'S ORGANIZATION TO DISCUSS U.N. CLIMATE CHANGE CONFERENCE A Virtual Gathering to Share Ideas and Focus on Important Energy and Environmental Issues

BOSTON, MA--<u>New England Women in Energy and the Environment (NEWIEE)</u> will celebrate its thirteenth year of supporting a vibrant community of 1,000+ energy and environmental professionals of all levels across the New England region with its virtual Annual Meeting and Fall Fête event, including small group breakout networking on Wednesday, November 3rd from 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM.

The afternoon will open with a yearly recap of NEWIEE activity, preview of 2022 priorities, and summary of NEWIEE's annual member survey. Then, special guest speaker **Dr. Emily Reichert**, Chief Executive Officer of Greentown Labs, the largest clean technology startup incubator in North America, will share her broad perspectives on the 2021 United Nations Climate Change Conference (COP26) in Glasgow, Scotland and the exciting news of Greentown Labs' expansion to Houston, Texas. The discussion will be facilitated by **Alicia Barton**, Chief Executive Officer of FirstLight Power. Both Alicia and Emily have been honored with Achievement Awards at NEWIEE's Annual Awards Gala.

Following the talk will be small group breakout rooms facilitated by moderators who include:

- Deanna Sassorossi, Sustainability Analyst, Eversource Energy (Rising Professionals Co-Chair)
- **Emily Luksha**, Director, Rates and Revenue Requirements at Massachusetts Department of Public Utilities (2019 NEWIEE Rising Star Awardee)
- Gina Bellato, Solar Program Manager, Massachusetts Department of Energy Resources
- Jolette Westbrook, Director & Senior Attorney, Energy Markets & Regulation, Environmental Defense Fund
- Kate Epsen, External & Government Affairs, ISO New England (2018 NEWIEE Rising Star Awardee)
- Linda George, Administrator of the Rhode Island Division of Public Utilities & Carriers
- Louisa Lund, Senior Consultant, Daymark Energy Advisors
- Lynn Fountain, Attorney, Day Pitney LLP
- Nicole Verdi, Chief Legal Counsel, Office of the Rhode Island Senate President
- Sara Burns, Former President and CEO, Central Maine Power
- Susan AnderBois, Climate & Energy Program Manager, The Nature Conservancy in Rhode Island

"With the unwavering support of our members, volunteers, sponsors and partners, NEWIEE continues to thrive, continues to inspire, continues to ask the hard questions, and continues to drive toward a better, more equitable society.," said Mary Louise "Weezie" Nuara, NEWIEE President and Dominion Energy's State Policy Director for New England. "While we will again miss the opportunity to connect in person, we look forward to our ability to gather virtually for this great annual celebration."

<u>Tickets are on sale now.</u> For more information, visit <u>www.NEWIEE.org</u>. <u>Sponsorship opportunities</u> 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.

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