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REGIONAL LEADERS TO DISCUSS BALANCING ENVIRONMENTAL PRIORITIES FOR RENEWABLE ENERGY DEVELOPMENT NEWIEE's Women Shaping the Agenda Annual Event

BOSTON, MA (July 13, 2023) – – <u>New England Women in Energy and the Environment (NEWIEE)</u>, a powerful force of professionals in the energy and environmental fields, will host its 9th Annual "Women Shaping the Agenda" event on July 27, 2023 from 5:00 PM to 8:00 PM at Saint Anselm College in Manchester, New Hampshire. This year's topic is Getting To Net Zero: Balancing Environmental Priorities For Renewable Energy Development.

"There is a clear and recognized need for New England to accelerate the development of renewable energy sources," said NEWIEE WSTA Event Co-Chair, NEWIEE Website Co-Chair, and Onshore Package Manager at SouthCoast Wind Kelly Smith. "New infrastructure projects have environmental and socioeconomic implications, and we look forward to gathering together with our distinguished panel for an important discussion on balancing these urgent priorities and developing responsibly."

Join us as we discuss environmental considerations surrounding renewable energy development, with a focus on siting, permitting, environmental justice, and public perception.

Panelists:

- Maria Belen Power, Undersecretary of Environmental Justice & Equity, Massachusetts Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs
- Doria Brown, Energy Manager, City of Nashua, New Hampshire
- Nikki Bruno, Vice President, Clean Technologies, Eversource Energy
- Sarah Haggerty, Conservation Biologist and GIS Manager, Maine Audubon
- Rachel Pachter, Chief Development Officer, Vineyard Wind & Vineyard Offshore

Moderator:

• Susan Kaplan, MBA, Founder, Sustainable Futures Consulting | Adjunct Faculty, University of New Hampshire

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Founded in 2008, NEWIEE is a professional organization working to drive greater diversity, equity, and inclusion in the energy and environmental fields by fueling career exploration, entry, and advancement among underrepresented communities; taking a leadership role addressing energy and environmental issues in our region; and highlighting the expertise contributions and achievements of those traditionally underrepresented in our fields.

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