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Innovation Award Recipient: Alicia Barton

Alicia Barton was appointed Chief Executive Officer of FirstLight Power (“FirstLight”) on August 3, 2020. FirstLight is a leading clean power producer and energy storage company in New England with a portfolio that includes 1.4 GW of pumped-hydro storage, battery storage, hydroelectric generation, and solar generation. FirstLight operates one of the largest portfolios of carbon-free electric generation in ISO-NE and is the largest provider of energy storage in Massachusetts.

Ms. Barton has extensive clean energy leadership experience from both the public and private sectors. Her past public service included recently serving as the President and as CEO of the New York Energy Research and Development Authority (NYSERDA) and previously as CEO the Massachusetts Clean Energy Center (MassCEC), where she helped both New York and Massachusetts to advance and implement nation-leading clean energy strategies. Ms. Barton’s prior private sector experience includes serving as Co-Chair of the Energy and Cleantech Practice at Foley Hoag LLP, and as Chief of Operations of the Global Utility business unit at SunEdison where she oversaw teams building utility-scale wind and solar projects. Ms. Barton’s career has been focused on advancing new clean energy projects and markets in areas such as offshore wind, solar, energy storage, efficiency and accelerating clean technology innovation. She also serves on the Board of Directors of numerous prominent climate-focused organizations including Greentown Labs, the Environmental League of Massachusetts, and the Alliance to Save Energy.