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BCSE Statement on Release of the Bipartisan Permitting Reform Implementation Rule

Washington, D.C. – Lisa Jacobson, President of the Business Council for Sustainable Energy (BCSE), offered the following statement in response to the White House Council on Environmental Quality’s [finalized rule](#) to implement permitting efficiencies previously passed in the Fiscal Responsibility Act of 2023:

“BCSE members across the energy efficiency, renewable energy, and natural gas industries know it currently takes too much time for important energy infrastructure projects to be reviewed in the United States. For example, over 1,100GW of projects are still undergoing interconnection studies in the seven U.S. independent system operators, as of January 2024, according to the [2024 Sustainable Energy in America Factbook](#). We risk losing the full impact of the investments included in the bipartisan Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act and the Inflation Reduction Act without the ability to deploy clean energy technologies rapidly and efficiently.

“BCSE appreciates the bipartisan agreement to include several federal permitting reform provisions in the Fiscal Responsibility Act. BCSE members are reviewing the final rule and look forward to working with the Biden Administration and Congress to enact additional legislation on permitting and siting reform to advance the clean energy transition in the United States.”

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The Business Council for Sustainable Energy (BCSE) is a coalition of companies and trade associations from the energy efficiency, natural gas, and renewable energy sectors, and also includes investor-owned utilities, public power, independent power producers, project developers, equipment manufacturers, and environmental and energy market service providers. Established in 1992, BCSE advocates for policies that expand the use of commercially-available clean energy technologies, products, and services.

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