



## FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

August 1, 2024

Contact: Lizzie Stricklin Email: <a href="mailto:lstricklin@bcse.org">lstricklin@bcse.org</a> Phone: 202.785.0507 ext. 1504

## **BCSE Statement on Markup of Bipartisan Permitting Reform Bill**

Washington, D.C. – Lisa Jacobson, President of the Business Council for Sustainable Energy (BCSE), offered the following statement in response to the Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee voting to advance the bipartisan <u>Energy Permitting Reform Act of 2024</u>:

"The progress of this bipartisan legislation to the Senate floor – with a strong vote in favor from committee members – marks an important milestone. BCSE has long advocated for federal legislation to reform the permitting and siting processes that currently leave projects stranded in development for years on end. Reforms are needed to efficiently deploy the clean energy infrastructure that powers American life and brings communities well-paying jobs, economic growth, and reliable energy.

"BCSE commends Senators Joe Manchin (I-WV) and John Barrasso (R-WY) for moving this bill forward expeditiously. We look forward to working with Congress as it continues to advance the legislation, including further consideration of issues discussed during the markup, such as long overdue hydropower permitting reform."

###

The Business Council for Sustainable Energy (BCSE) is a coalition of companies and trade associations that deploy clean energy and decarbonization solutions, with a sector focus on energy efficiency, natural gas, and renewable energy. Members include investor-owned utilities, public power, independent power producers, project developers, technology providers, environmental and energy market service companies, and more. Established in 1992, BCSE advocates for policies that advance the deployment of a broad portfolio of clean energy technologies.

For more information on BCSE, please visit <u>bcse.org</u>. For the latest industry data, download the <u>Sustainable Energy</u> in America Factbook.