MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE

ASSOCIATION OF RENEWABLE ENERGY AGENCIES OF STATES AND THE

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF STATE ENERGY OFFICIALS

This Memorandum of Understanding ("MoU") is entered to record an inter-organizational cooperative agreement between Association of Renewable Energy Agencies of States ("AREAS") and the National Association of State Energy Officials ("NASEO").

I. Parties

AREAS is legally domiciled at Block No. 14, CGO Complex, Lodhi Road, New Delhi-110003, India. NASEO has an address of 1300 North 17th Street, Suite 1275, Arlington, Virginia 22209, United States of America. AREAS and NASEO are collectively referred to herein as the "Parties".

II. Purpose

The purpose of this MoU is to establish a framework for AREAS and NASEO to identify shared issues, priorities, and best practices to promote renewable energy solutions among the State Nodal Agencies (SNA) in India, drawing on NASEO's experience organizing State Energy Offices in the United States.

III. Cooperative Activities

Both Parties will encourage, promote, and facilitate cooperation between interested enterprises, institutions, associations, and organizations. Activities of cooperation may include, but are not limited to, the following:

- A. Exchange of information;
- B. Exchange of administration experience;
- C. Organization of seminars and other meetings on agreed topics;
- D. Training;

E. Other forms of cooperation in energy, energy-related climate actions, and other energy-related fields as may be mutually agreed upon.

F. Other activities of mutual interest and benefit.

IV. Implementing Arrangements

A. All cooperative activities undertaken pursuant to specific Implementing Arrangements under this MoU shall be subject to the respective laws, regulations, policies, administrative procedures and funding authority that govern the Parties and their designated representatives.

B. Nothing in this MoU requires either Party to obligate funds and any Implementing Arrangements shall be subject to the availability of funds.

C. Each designated representative shall appoint a program coordinator to be responsible under its auspices for the overall coordination of Implementing Arrangements.

V. Amendments

This MoU can be amended by the Parties through mutual consultation. The amendments shall be enclosed with this MoU and shall form an integral part of it thereof.

VI. Entry into Force, Duration and Termination

This MoU will enter into force on the date of signing and shall remain in force unless revoked by the consent of the Parties. Either of the Parties may terminate this MoU by giving the other party a written notice of 30 (thirty) days in advance of its decision to terminate this MoU.

This document executed in on the 15 July 2021.

For the Association of Renewable Energy Agencies of States

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For the National Association of State Energy Officials

David Terry, Executive Director