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CESA Project Director Nate Hausman Selected for Renewable Energy World's 2018 "Solar 40 Under 40" List

Montpelier, VT – Clean Energy States Alliance (CESA) is pleased to convey that CESA Project Director Nate Hausman has been chosen among hundreds of nominees as one of *Renewable Energy World's "Solar 40 Under 40."* As a national nonprofit organization, CESA has worked with state energy agencies over the past 15 years to bring solar into the mainstream. Nate's work on solar issues over the past five years has focused on state efforts to lower solar soft costs and to ensure that distributed solar electricity remains consumer friendly and benefits low- and moderate-income customers.

The *Renewable Energy World* "Solar 40 Under 40" list recognizes solar energy professionals under the age of 40 who are "fearless challenging and changing traditional solar business models." These individuals are being recognized for their "unparalleled accomplishments to bring solar to the 21st century."

Since 2013, Nate has worked with the Clean Energy States Alliance to facilitate efforts with state clean energy leaders to systematically reduce solar soft costs and advance consumer protection as foundations for solar development nationally. He has authored or co-authored several reports, including [Consumer Protection for Community Solar: A Guide for States](#) (2017); [New England Solar Cost-Reduction Partnership: Accomplishments, Lessons Learned, and Recommendations](#) (2016); and [A Homeowner's Guide to Solar Financing: Leases, Loans and PPAs](#) (2015).

As CESA's project director on solar, Nate develops and facilitates national workshops, webinars, and panels on low-income solar programs and consumer protection issues. He also serves as the editor of CESA's [Sustainable Solar Education Newsletter](#), which is distributed monthly to 3,500 subscribers across the country. Nate serves on the board of several organizations including the Vermont Sustainable Jobs Fund, Montpelier Alive, and the Catamount Trail Association. He is an attorney licensed to practice in both California and Vermont. He donated his time and expertise as an organizer of the national Catalysts of the Climate Economy Summit in Burlington, VT in 2017.

"Fearless, thoughtful, and inspirational – these are just a few words to describe Nate Hausman in his approach to moving the solar industry forward," said Selya Price, senior manager for Statutory and Infrastructure Programs at Connecticut Green Bank, a CESA-member organization. "Nate has expertly guided state and municipal organizations across the country toward solutions on the key challenges facing residential solar, including consumer protection and education, soft costs, financing, policy and regulation, grid modernization and more, through

his effective leadership on several multistate U.S. DOE funded solar projects, research and writing on pressing industry topics, and as a critical member of a powerhouse team at the Clean Energy States Alliance.”

“I am very grateful to *Renewable Energy World* for the honor of being named a solar leader among such an impressive group of people,” said Nate. “I feel very lucky to be able to do work that I believe in and to be able to contribute to the clean energy revolution.”

“Nate is an integral part of our team, and we are pleased that his excellent work has been recognized nationally,” said CESA Executive Director Warren Leon. “Congratulations to Nate and to all those selected for this recognition.”

The awards were presented at the Intersolar North America Conference on July 10, 2018 in San Francisco, CA to the inaugural class of recipients.

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About the Clean Energy States Alliance: The Clean Energy States Alliance (CESA) is a national nonprofit coalition of public agencies and organizations working together to advance clean energy. CESA members—mostly state agencies—include many of the most innovative, successful, and influential public funders of clean energy initiatives in the country. CESA works with state leaders, federal agencies, industry representatives, and other stakeholders to develop and promote clean energy technologies and markets. CESA facilitates information sharing, provides technical assistance, coordinates multi-state collaborative projects, and communicates the positions and achievements of its members. For more information, visit www.cesa.org.

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