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The Honorable Jaclyn A. Brillig, Secretary
New York State Public Service Commission
Empire State Plaza, Agency Building 3
Albany, New York 12223-1350

RE: Case 10-T-0139

Application of Champlain Hudson Power Express, Inc. and CHPE Properties, Inc. for a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need Pursuant to Article VII of the New York State Public Service Law

Dear Secretary Brillig:

I serve as President and Chief Executive Officer of the Long Island Association, and I write regarding the above-referenced application and the Joint Proposal of Settlement ("JP") signed and filed with your agency's Office of the Secretary on February 24, 2012.

The settlement acknowledges that, for the foreseeable future, state electricity ratepayers will save hundreds of millions of dollars each year as a result of this important transmission project. These savings will translate into increased economic activity, a major boost to the state's gross domestic product, and the creation and/or preservation of many hundreds of jobs in a wide variety of sectors, as confirmed by the report of London Economics released to the public on February 2, 2012. Earlier studies performed by London Economics and filed in this case have pointed out that Long Island will be a significant benefactor of the energy cost saving and of course we hope that is the case.

We anticipate that the Public Service Commission will carefully review the economic analysis of the project, as submitted in the JP and give due consideration to these and all the other benefits of the project, environmental as well as economic, as the case proceeds towards a final decision later this year. I applaud the applicants proposed investment in our state's energy infrastructure and look forward to hearing more about it during any upcoming public meetings and/or hearings the Commission intends to hold.

Very Truly Yours,

Kevin Law, President and Chief Executive Officer

cc: Chairman Brown
Commissioner Acampora
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The Honorable Kevin Casutto
The Honorable Michelle Phillips

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