



March 15, 2012

The Honorable Jaclyn A. Billing, 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 Brillling:

I serve as President of the New York League of Conservation Voters, and I write to urge your consideration of the above-referenced application and for the Joint Proposal of Settlement (“JP”) signed and filed with your Office on February 24, 2012.

As you may know, the New York League of Conservation Voters is the only statewide environmental organization in New York that fights for clean water, clean air, renewable energy and open space through political action.

The JP was the product of many months of careful review and negotiation, and your staff deserves enormous credit for managing that process to a successful conclusion. The balance achieved by the JP is manifestly in the public interest. To take one example of particular interest to our organization, the settlement reinforces the careful avoidance, minimization, and mitigation of environmental impacts built into the Project design.

The clear benefits of the Champlain Hudson Power Express Project in terms of reduction of air pollution are well documented and acknowledged in the JP. Furthermore, the establishment of the Hudson River and Lake Champlain Habitat Enhancement, Restoration, and Research/Habitat Improvement Project Trust represents a remarkably strong commitment to the future understanding and enhancement of the our state’s magnificent waterways.



Thank you for your consideration of our views in this matter.

Very Truly Yours,



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cc: Commissioner Brown  
Commissioner Acampora  
Commissioner Curry  
Commissioner Harris  
Commissioner Larocca  
The Honorable Kevin Casutto  
The Honorable Michelle Phillips

