

April 3, 2012

Home of:

North Country
Small Business
Council

Hon. Jaclyn A. Brillling, Secretary
Public Service Commission
Three Empire State Plaza
Albany, New York 12223-1350

Re: Champlain-Hudson Power Express, Inc.

Adirondack Coast
Visitors & Convention
Bureau

North Country
Industrial Council

Québec-New York
Corridor Coalition

New York's
Tech Valley

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North Country
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Dear Ms. Brillling:

The North Country Chamber of Commerce is the largest business and economic development organization in northern New York, representing more than 4,200 companies and employers across Clinton, Essex, Franklin, Hamilton and northern Warren Counties. Among our longstanding commitments to strategic economic development, we founded and Co-Chair the Quebec-New York Corridor Coalition, a broad bi-national partnership committed to the proposition that New York and Quebec are increasingly a common, bi-national region with a shared economic future. We facilitate a range of endeavors aimed at broadening and deepening all forms of connectivity between New York and Quebec, and energy is very much a part of this agenda.

With the foregoing in mind, we are full and committed supporters of the Champlain-Hudson Power Express. It is a creative and effective approach to strengthening the vital energy connections between Canada, where ample power is available, and areas of New York in need of that power. It represents an opportunity for an historic advancement for New York both in meeting our future energy needs and in simultaneously building the bi-national economic relationship.

We are entirely pleased with the Joint Proposal which was filed on February 24, 2012 and wish to encourage favorable action in all remaining regards by the Public Service Commission.

Sincerely,


Garry F. Douglas
President and CEO

UNITED STATES CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

ACCREDITED



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