



August 22, 2017

Mr. Manuel Hamalian
Manager, Procurement
New York Power Authority
123 Main Street
White Plains, New York 10601

Re: Hydro Quebec and TDI Proposal to NYPA's Large Scale Renewables RFP

Dear Mr. Hamalian:

I am writing on behalf of the North Country Chamber of Commerce, the largest business and economic development organization in northern New York with more than 4,000 employer members.

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North Country
Small Business
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Adirondack Coast
Visitors Bureau

North Country
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The North Country Chamber has played a lead role for more than twenty years in facilitating all forms of economic connectivity and partnership between Quebec and New York, including accessing abundant clean energy from Quebec to meet New York's energy needs. We have been especially active on behalf of Transmission Developers Inc. (TDI) and the Champlain Hudson Power Express as an exciting new opportunity for efficiently connecting the New York metropolitan area to this incredible resource.

TDI and Hydro Quebec are proposing the CHPE as an environmentally friendly transmission pathway for the delivery of 1,000 MW of renewable hydropower from Hydro Renewable Energy, Inc. (HRE) to New York City and NYISO's Zone J. As TDI would enter into a Transmission Rights Agreement with HRE, the parties are urging that the HRE and TDI responses be evaluated together.

This overall proposal brings an incredible opportunity to meet the required aims of the RFP while taking full advantage of years of planning and regulatory groundwork already in place for CHPE, facilitating \$2.4 billion in new capital investment in New York, and furthering the enormous potential for enhanced hydro power linkage with Quebec beyond current arrangements and connections, allowing New York consumers to more fully enjoy the benefits of this northern resource as our competitors in New England are increasingly doing.

With the foregoing in mind, the North Country Chamber of Commerce enthusiastically embraces and endorses the TDI/HRE submission and encourages its favorable consideration.

I also have the privilege of serving as Co-Chair of the North Country Regional Economic Development Council by appointment of Governor Cuomo. A key component of the NCREDC's strategic plan for our region is to maximize opportunities such as this to be an active gateway and partner in the provision of clean energy to the state, including maximization of opportunities for building the vital economic connections between Quebec and New York in the field of energy. The NCREDC has specifically endorsed the CHPE and potential related developments and would regard adoption of the TDI/HRE proposal as a major implementation action of the North Country's established economic development priorities.

Onward and upward!

Sincerely,


Garry Douglas
President and CEO



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