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The Honorable Ernest J. Moniz  
Secretary  
United States Department of Energy  
1000 Independence Avenue, SW  
Washington, DC 20585

Re: Champlain Hudson Power Express Transmission Line

Dear Secretary Moniz:

The Champlain Hudson Power Express (“CHPE”) is a transmission line currently in development that as proposed will bring 1,000 megawatts of renewable wind and hydro-power from the Canadian border to New York City using submarine and subterranean high-voltage direct current technology. Following a comprehensive administrative review, the New York State Public Service Commission (“PSC”) on April 18, 2013 issued a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need for CHPE, thereby authorizing construction and operation of the transmission line in New York State.

The PSC concluded that power transmitted over CHPE will offer significant environmental benefits, and will enhance fuel diversity and system reliability in New York. In addition, CHPE is expected to materially lower energy costs to consumers, and to promote economic growth. All of these advantages will be produced through private investment. For these reasons, the City of New York joined with New York State agencies, a number of environmental organizations, and other parties in publicly supporting issuance by the PSC of a certificate of approval for the CHPE project.

New York City has unparalleled commercial and financial importance to the nation, and it therefore has a vital interest in the development of reliable and affordable energy. In addition, Mayor Bloomberg’s long-term sustainability program, *PlaNYC 2030*, has identified the need to foster more renewable energy sources. CHPE represents by far the largest renewable power project that has been proposed to date to reach the City – a region that has heretofore been largely underserved by renewable energy resources.

The CHPE project developer, Transmission Developers Inc., is currently pursuing required federal permits and approvals, including a permit from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers pursuant to Section 404 of the Clean Water Act and Section 10 of the Rivers and Harbors Act. With respect to your Department, a Presidential Permit to cross an international border is being sought by CHPE through the DOE Office of Electricity Delivery and Energy Reliability pursuant to Presidential Executive Orders 10485 and 12038.

Prior to issuance of such a Presidential Permit, I understand that a draft Environmental Impact Statement must be prepared pursuant to the terms of the National Environmental Policy Act (“NEPA”). I am informed that the draft is currently expected to be issued for public comment this summer.

Given the importance of the CHPE project to the City of New York, we ask the Department of Energy to expeditiously continue its review of the CHPE project, and to take those steps needed to evaluate this project in a manner that we expect will be fully consistent with your Department’s mission of public protection. CHPE hopes to advance its financing and construction early in 2014, a schedule that if it is to be realized will likely require issuance of all needed federal permits by the end of this calendar year.

Thank you very much for your consideration of the views of the City of New York.

Very truly yours,

*/s/ Michael J. Delaney*

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