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**Re: Champlain Hudson Power Express Project**

Dear Honorable Sirs:

On behalf of the New York League of Conservation Voters, I write to convey NYLCV's view that the Champlain Hudson Power Express Project is an undertaking that warrants prompt and favorable action from state and federal regulatory bodies involved in reviewing the environmental impacts of the Project and/or assisting in its development.

The Project will bring up to 1,000 megawatts of largely carbon-free power, including wind generation, to the New York City metropolitan area. Studies have shown that this new power will both provide significant rate relief to consumers and displace generation sources that contribute large quantities of greenhouse gases to the atmosphere. The \$1.9 billion investment in the future of New York State would also create up to 200 construction jobs. After being buried in navigable waterbodies and along railroad rights-of-way, the transmission system will be invisible and virtually maintenance-free. Among other advantages, this project represents a substantial enhancement of the security and safety of the integrated power grid.

At the federal level, the Project currently is being reviewed by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and by two offices of the U.S. Department of Energy: the Office of Electric Delivery and Energy Reliability (which is preparing the environmental impact study) and the Loan Guarantee Office (which is handling an application for financing assistance pursuant to the Energy Policy Act of 2005, as amended). We understand both agencies have committed to pursuing and completing the regulatory review in the



most expeditious manner possible. We commend the agencies for the conscientious approach they are taking.

At the State level, the Project is currently being reviewed by the Departments of Public Service (“DPS”) and Environmental Conservation and by the New York Independent System Operator (“NYISO”). Great strides have been made by these agencies already with respect to review of the Project. Late last month, a committee within the NYISO handed up the Project’s System Reliability Impact Study to the NYISO’s Operating Committee, and, just a few days ago, the DPS determined that the Project’s application for a certificate pursuant to Article VII of the Public Service Law is complete.

Thank you for your kind attention to this matter. The energy future of New York and the nation is a top priority for our organization, as it is for your administrations, and we are convinced that the Champlain Hudson Power Express Project represents a step forward in this critical area.

Sincerely,



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