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The Honorable Jo-Ellen Darcy
Assistant Secretary for Civil Works
Department of the Army
United States Department of Defense
108 Army Pentagon, Room 3E446
Washington, DC 20310-0108

Re: Champlain Hudson Power Express

Dear Assistant Secretary Darcy:

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 review, the New York State Public Service Commission (“PSC”) on April 18, 2003 issued a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need for CHPE, thereby authorizing construction and operation of the line in New York State.

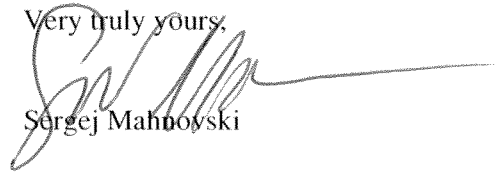
The PSC concluded that power transmitted over CHPE will offer significant environmental benefits, and will enhance fuel diversity and system reliability in New York. In addition, CHPE is expected to materially lower energy costs to consumers, and promote economic growth. All of these advantages will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

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 (“Corps”) pursuant to Section 404 of the Clean Water Act and Section 10 of the Rivers and Harbors Act. Given the importance of the CHPE project to the City of New York, we urge the Corps to expeditiously continue and conclude its review of the CHPE project, and to issue the needed federal permits before the end of this year. Such action is in our view fully consistent with your agency’s mission of public protection.

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

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Sergej Mahbovski', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Sergej Mahbovski

cc: NY District Commander Colonel Paul E. Owen,
NY District Deputy District Engineer, Lieutenant John A. Knight

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