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June 30, 2010

The Honorable Steven Chu
United States Department of Energy
1000 Independence Avenue, SW
Washington, DC 20585

Re: DOE Solicitation No. DE-FOA 0000132
Loan Guarantee Application of Champlain Hudson Power Express

Dear Secretary Chu:

I am writing to express my support for the loan guarantee application for Champlain Hudson Power Express.

The Champlain Hudson Power Express is a high voltage direct current power transmission project that will bring 2,000 megawatts of renewable energy to New York's downstate region, including my district on Long Island. The 370-mile long transmission line will be built completely underwater and underground, so it will remain out of sight. Additionally, it is environmentally safe, unlike other transmission projects that previously have been met with opposition.

This project will provide affordable energy to New York, particularly to New York City and Long Island. My constituents pay some of the highest electric rates in the country. Given the high cost of living on Long Island, lower rates would certainly provide relief to residents and business owners.

Provided that the application meets all the requirements, I urge you to approve the loan guarantee application of the Champlain Hudson Power Express and select them as one of the participants in the DOE loan guarantee program for transmission projects. I thank you for your consideration and look forward to hearing back from you on your decision.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Peter T. King".

Peter T. King
Member of Congress

cc: Jonathan Silver, Executive Director, Loan Guarantee Program Office