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Dr. Jerry Pell, CCM  
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Dear Dr. Pell:

Champlain Hudson Power Express, Inc., (CHPEI) proposes to construct, operate and maintain a new 1000 megawatt underwater/underground electric transmission system to be known as the Champlain Hudson Power Express Project. The circuit would extend approximately 319 miles from the Canadian border to Yonkers, New York, where it would connect with a converter station to be owned by CHPEI. As such, it is the only place along the planned 385 mile route that will be subject to a permanent, visible installation.

The proposed site for the converter station is in an area of the City of Yonkers adjacent to the Hudson River that formerly was an industrial area. Today, it is more appropriate to characterize this same area as a suburban mixed use office/commercial park. As such, there is a significant number of people who use this area including public access uses such as the Board of Education, the Main Branch of the Yonkers Public Library and five hundred feet from the proposed converter station is the Beczak Environmental Education Center.

Even though the proposed transmission line will make landfall here in the City of Yonkers, we recognize the need for the converter station. Essentially, the City has concluded that the overall benefits of this project will outweigh any detriment. It is for this reason that I write in support of the project.

The City, nevertheless, harbors certain concerns about the proposed development. However, these issues are being addressed in earnest by the parties and we hope to conclude these discussions in an expeditious fashion to arrive at a solution mutually agreeable to all.

The City recognizes that the project represents approximately \$1.9 billion in new capital investment and will bring much needed employment opportunities to a region clamoring for such an incentive. The project will also deliver a clean renewable energy from Canadian and American sources to the greater New York Metropolitan Area and will provide significant rate relief to this area. Furthermore, upon completion of the converter station, the new construction will place a new ratable on the City's ledger generating a new source of tax revenue which will assist to stabilize the City's tax base.

I look forward to completion of this project and am available to discuss any issues or concerns that you or any member of your staff might possess.

Sincerely,



Philip A. Amicone  
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