

**Case 10-T-0139**

**Champlain-Hudson Power Express Project**

**Environmental Trust Governance Committee Meeting Minutes**

**March 19, 2020**

On March 19, 2020, the Governance Committee for the Hudson River and Lake Champlain Habitat Enhancement, Restoration, and Research/Habitat Improvement Project Trust (the “Trust”) held its regularly scheduled meeting.

Pursuant to Executive Order 202.1, the meeting took place via phone and was recorded.

Attendees:

On the phone were: Certificate Holders: Bill Helmer, Josh Bagnato, Steve Wilson; Heather Behnke (DPS); Trout Unlimited: Roger Olsen; Scenic Hudson: Hayley Carlock; DOS: Matthew Maraglio, Laura McLean; DEC: Heather Gierloff; City of NY: Justin Fung; APA: Elizabeth Philips; Hudson River Foundation: Jim Lodge.

Agenda Items:

1. Approval of past meeting minutes – September 25, 2019 & November 15, 2019
2. Update on Champlain Hudson Power Express Projected Timeline (Certificate Holders)
3. Update on amendment filings (Certificate Holders)
4. Elections for Chair, Vice Chair, and Secretary
5. Next meeting date and review of action items

Preliminary Items:

**Meeting was called to order at 10:36a.m. and a quorum was confirmed.**

- Minutes of the September 25, 2019 and November 15, 2019 meeting were approved with no revisions. **Moved by TU, Seconded by DPS, motion carried unanimously.**

Project and Amendment Filings Updates:

Certificate Holders reported on the status.

- The first amendment was submitted to the Public Service Commission (PSC) in 2019. Comment period ended early January. PSC is meeting on this amendment today.
- The second amendment on route modifications was filed with PSC in early December 2019. The Procedural Conference was held on March 4, 2020. The formal public comment period was initiated and ends April 30, 2020. The Public Statement Hearing that was scheduled in the Town of Scotia was postponed indefinitely.
- In March 2020, the Certificate Holders filed an application with FERC (Docket ID: ER20-1214) to update the negotiated rate authority that allows Certificate Holders to

secure transmission agreements for capacity on the line. The open solicitation process is slated to be initiated at the end of March/early April, with the possibility of delay due to the coronavirus pandemic. This is an important step prior to Financial Close.

- Certificate Holders are continuing outreach to towns along the route with project updates.
- Anticipated start of construction is 2021.
- No change to NYISO Class Year study schedule.
- NYC asked if any other activities may be delayed. Certificate Holders responded that pre-construction work is underway. Geotechnical work is scheduled for later this year, and, so far, is not delayed. Certificate Holders are seeking consent from Towns that may require public meetings, and these meetings could be delayed.

### **Elections:**

After committee discussion, the secretary cast a ballot to re-elect the current slate of officers:  
Chairperson: Bill Helmer (Certificate Holders); Vice Chairperson: Heather Behnke (DPS);  
Secretary: Laura McLean (DOS).

**Moved by TU, Seconded by NYC, motion carried unanimously.**

### **Next meeting date(s):**

The following meeting dates were proposed as tentatively scheduled, pending DPS verification of room availability.

- June 18, 2020, 10:30am
- September 17, 2020, 10:30am
- December 17, 2020, 10:30am

DPS noted that the original conference room will not be available for some meetings and a replacement room will be reserved.

### **Action Items:**

Pending action items:

- Certificate Holders to report by email to the committee members after each TPAS meeting occurs where CHPE is material to the meeting.
- Vice-Chair to confirm room availability and send invitations for future meetings.

New action items:

- Certificate Holders to update website with approved meeting minutes.
- NYC to post the recording of this meeting.

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**Meeting adjourned at 10:55 a.m. Moved by DOS, seconded by DPS, motion carried  
unanimously.**

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