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VIA ELECTRONIC FILING

Hon. Michelle Phillips, Secretary
NYS Public Service Commission
Three Empire State Plaza
Albany, NY 12223-1350

Re: Case 10-T-0139: Application of Champlain Hudson Power Express, Inc. for a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need Pursuant to Article VII of the PSL for the Construction, Operation and Maintenance of a High Voltage Direct Current Circuit from the Canadian Border to New York City.

Dear Secretary Phillips:

On April 18, 2013, the New York State Public Service Commission (the "Commission") issued to Champlain Hudson Power Express, Inc. and CHPE Properties, Inc. (the "Applicants") a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need ("Certificate"), pursuant to Article VII of the Public Service Law ("PSL"), to construct and operate an electric transmission project known as the Champlain Hudson Power Express Project (the "Project").¹

Advances in the design of High Voltage Direct Current (HVDC) transmission systems now allow for increased transmission capacity with no significant change in cable or converter station sizes or properties. Enclosed for filing please find a petition proposing a revision to the Certificate to reflect a change in transmission cable allowing an increase in the anticipated Project nameplate capacity rating from 1000 MW to 1250 MW.

¹ On July 16, 2020, the Commission approved the transfer of the Certificate to CHPE, LLC from Champlain Hudson Power Express, Inc. ("CHPEI"). For the purposes of this filing, "Applicants" represents both past and current Certificate Holders. In August 2020, Champlain Hudson Power Express, Inc. converted from a corporation (CHPEI) to a limited liability company (CHPE LLC) and received Commission approval to transfer its CECPN from CHPEI to CHPE LLC. See Case 20-E-0145: *Petition of Champlain Hudson Power Express, Inc., CHPE Properties, Inc., and CHPE LLC for a Declaratory Ruling that a Series of Intra-Corporate Transactions are Not Transfers Subject to Review Under the Public Service Law or, in the Alternative, for Certain Approvals Pursuant to Sections 70 and 121 of the Public Service Law*, Order Approving Transfers (July 17, 2020).

The proposed cable substitution does not present a material increase in any environmental impact or a substantial change to the location of the Project facilities. Therefore, the Commission retains the discretion to act on this Application without scheduling a hearing (PSL §123[2]).²

Proof of service and notice of the petition will be filed under separate cover.

Thank you for your continued attention to this matter. Please contact me with any questions.

Respectfully,

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² Case 15-T-0384: *Petition to Amend Niagara Mohawk Power Corporation's, d/b/a National Grid, Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need Granted on September 4, 1986 in Case 70346 to Authorize Construction and Operation of a New 115 kV Three Ring Bus Station, Two 115 kV Transmission Loop Taps, and an All-dielectric Self-supporting Fiber Optic Cable in the Town of Fenner, Madison County, Order Granting Amendment of Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need (September 18, 2015)*, at 3 (stating “[n]o hearing is required by the Commission here since the proposed changes in the facility will not materially increase the environmental impacts or substantially change the location of the facility.”)