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> REF: CHPE, LLC Docket No. PP-481-1 Presidential Permit

Dear Mr. Lawrence:

Your letter dated November 27, 2020, requested the Secretary of State's views on the application filed by Champlain Hudson Power Express, Inc. (CHPEI) with the Department of Energy on September 25, 2020, in OE Docket No. PP-481-1. I hereby report that Secretary of State has provided a favorable recommendation for the issuance of the above-referenced Presidential permit.

Sincerely,

Francis R. Fannon