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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:

Enclosed please find an Environmental Management and Construction Plan (EM&CP) for the Astoria HVDC Converter Station associated with the electric transmission project known as Champlain Hudson Power Express (the "Project"). This EM&CP is submitted by CHPE LLC and CHPE Properties, Inc. (together "CHPE" or the "Certificate Holders") in accordance with the requirements of CHPE's April 18, 2013 Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need ("Certificate"), issued pursuant to Article VII of the Public Service Law ("PSL") by the New York State Public Service Commission (the "Commission").

The Project is a buried, High Voltage, Direct Current ("HVDC") transmission line extending approximately 339 miles from the New York/Quebec border to a converter station in Astoria, Queens. The Astoria HVDC Converter Station EM&CP includes installation of a converter station building, site improvements, stormwater management measures, transformers and an electrical yard on an industrial property on 20th Avenue in Astoria, Queens. This EM&CP also includes two alternative temporary laydown yards in the same general area of Astoria for use during construction. The EM&CP provides detailed information regarding how the Converter Station will be constructed, the specific locations of the proposed permanent Facility components, as well as Construction Zones and temporary work areas. The EM&CP includes descriptions of work to be performed, plan and profile drawings depicting the Converter Station, and protocols to be used during construction to protect the community and the environment, and to comply with the CHPE Certificate. A revised schedule of EM&CP Segment submissions is included as Table 1.1 in the attached EM&CP Narrative.

The Certificate Holders are circulating notices related to this filing and will serve this filing in accordance with the Certificate. Notices will be published in the official newspaper for the borough

in which the Converter Station is located. Notices have also been mailed to landowners near the proposed Segment; posted to the project website; and circulated to Parties to this proceeding via upload to DMM. Proofs of service for notices and for dissemination of the EM&CP documents, including affidavits of publication in local newspapers, will be submitted under separate cover as soon as they are available.

Lastly, this EM&CP includes documents which are submitted under confidential cover—specifically Appendix L, Cultural Resources Management Plan, which is confidential because it identifies the location of sensitive cultural resources which are protected from disclosure by law, and Appendix M, Documentation of CI Consultation, which contains confidential critical infrastructure information concerning utilities.

Please feel free to reach out to my office with any questions regarding this filing.

Sincerely,

*/s/ **Laura Bomyea Darling***
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Enclosures