

Notice of Change to Segment 8 EM&CP For the Champlain Hudson Power Express Line

Dear Stakeholder,

On November 21, 2024, CHPE LLC and CHPE Properties, Inc. (collectively referred to as "CHPE") submitted a proposed major change to the approved Environmental Management & Construction Plan ("EM&CP") for Segment 8 of the Champlain Hudson Power Express ("CHPE") Project. The Segment 8 and 9 EM&CP was previously approved by the New York State Public Service Commission ("PSC") on June 22, 2023. Segment 8 includes installation of approximately 16.99 miles of buried overland cable running from the Town of Rotterdam (Schenectady County) through the Town of Bethlehem (Albany County), primarily along railroad rights-of-way. This proposed change involves a route modification in the Town of Bethlehem (Albany County) near the intersection of Route 32/Indian Fields Road and West Yard Road, where the crossing under Route 32 will be accomplished via a Horizontal Directional Drill (HDD) instead of the previously approved trenched installation. While the proposed change largely reduces the impacts from construction of the Facility at this location, this new installation method shifts the alignment outside of the previously approved Allowed Deviation Zone and therefore requires PSC approval.

The PSC issued a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need ("Certificate") to CHPE on April 18, 2013 to construct and operate the CHPE Project. Pursuant to that Certificate, CHPE is required to circulate notices to certain landowners, utility owners, municipalities and agencies near the proposed Segment's construction activities when it proposes to make a change to the Facility route approved in an EM&CP. This notice provides links and contact information which stakeholders can use to obtain further information or to submit comments on the proposed change. The EM&CP change must be reviewed and approved by the PSC before construction on the areas subject to this change can begin.

An overview map showing the proposed EM&CP change accompanies this notice. Further details of the planned work locations will be made available on the Project website at: <u>https://chpexpress.com/overview-of-public-documents/environmental-management-construction-plan/</u>. Construction activities for this Segment are currently under way. Construction within Segments 8 and 9 will generally occur during daytime hours Monday through Saturday to minimize impacts, though some select activities may occur at night, on Sundays or state or federal holidays where necessary for safety, continuous operation requirements or for other limited circumstances.

Contact Information and Document Repositories

CHPE has established a toll-free number for questions regarding the Project: 1-800-991-CHPE (2473). Questions or requests for further information can be directed to <u>publicoutreach@chpexpress.com</u> or by mail to Molly Hollister, WSP USA, One Pennsylvania Plaza, New York, NY 10119.



The EM&CP change documents are available on the PSC's website at <u>http://documents.dps.ny.gov/public/MatterManagement/CaseMaster.aspx?MatterCaseNo=10-T-0139</u> and on the Project website <u>https://chpexpress.com/overview-of-public-documents/environmental-management-construction-plan/</u>.

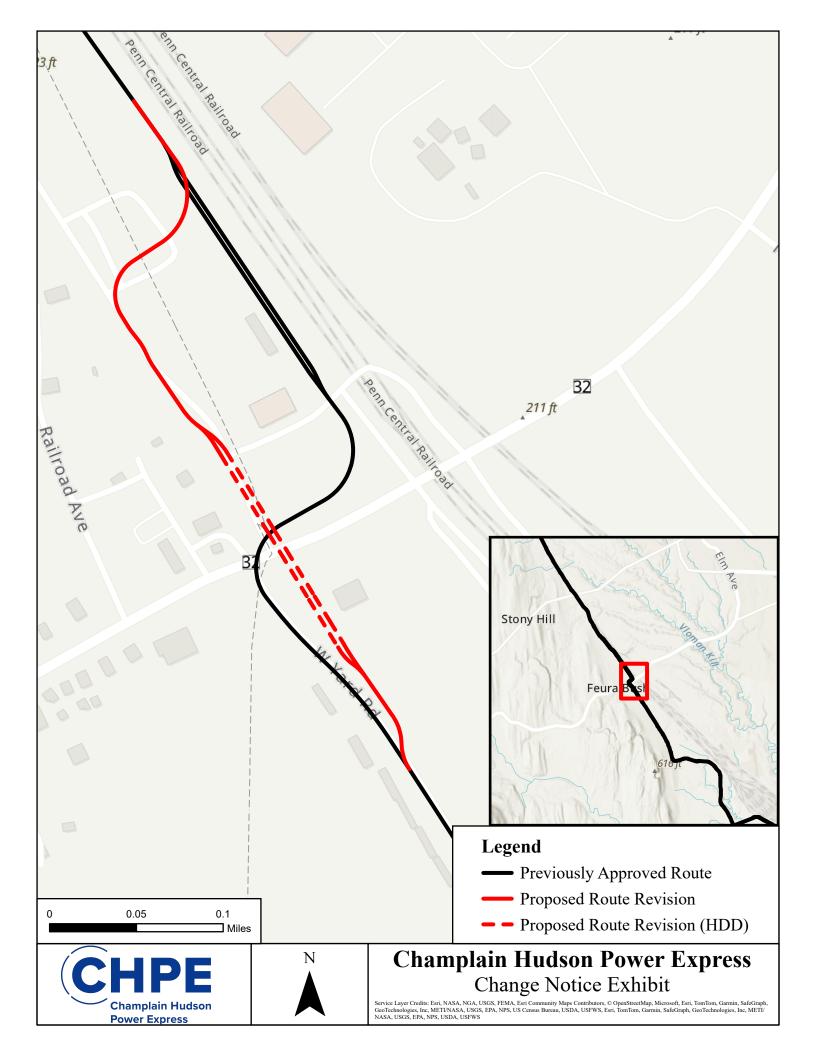
Paper copies of the EM&CP are available for viewing at the following local document repositories: Rotterdam Branch Library, 1100 N. Westcott Road, Schenectady, NY 12306; Bethlehem Public Library, 451 Delaware Avenue, Delmar, NY 12054; Voorheesville Public Library, 51 School Road, Voorheesville, NY 12186; and Guilderland Public Library, 2228 Western Avenue, Guilderland, NY 12084.

Filing Comments

Any person wishing to be heard by the Commission on any matter related to the proposed EM&CP change may file written comments with the Commission Secretary by email at <u>secretary@dps.ny.gov</u> or by mail to Michelle Phillips, Secretary, NYS Public Service Commission, 3 Empire State Plaza, Albany, NY 12223, within 21 days of this notice. All comments should reference Case Number 10-T-0139.

Yours truly,

Josh Bagnato Vice President, Development



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The full Commission docket for the Project can be accessed via the Commission's website at: <u>http://documents.dps.ny.gov/public/MatterManagement/CaseMaster.aspx?MatterCaseNo=10-</u><u>T-0139</u> and electronic copies of EM&CP change documents are available on the Project website at <u>https://chpexpress.com/overview-of-public-documents/environmental-managementconstruction-plan/</u>. Paper copies of the EM&CP are available for viewing at the following local document repositories: Rotterdam Branch Library, 1100 N. Westcott Road, Schenectady, NY 12306; Bethlehem Public Library, 451 Delaware Avenue, Delmar, NY 12054; Voorheesville Public Library, 51 School Road, Voorheesville, NY 12186; and Guilderland Public Library, 2228 Western Avenue, Guilderland, NY 12084. Comments related to this proposed EM&CP change should be submitted to the Commission Secretary by email at secretary@dps.ny.gov or by mail to Michelle Phillips, Secretary, NYS Public Service Commission, 3 Empire State Plaza, Albany, NY, 12223, within 21 days of this notice. All comments should reference Case Number 10-T-0139.

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