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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 the Environmental Management and Construction Plan (EM&CP) for the Lake Champlain Pre-Lay Mattressing EM&CP for 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 Lake Champlain Pre-Lay Mattressing Segment EM&CP includes installation of articulated concrete mattresses on the bed of the lake to protect co-located submarine infrastructure (such as buried telecommunications, electrical or gas lines placed on or beneath the bed of Lake Champlain) in preparation for future submarine cable installation in Lake Champlain. A later EM&CP Segment will be submitted that will detail the procedures to be implemented during installation of the submarine cable in Lake Champlain later in 2023.

The EM&CP provides detailed information regarding how this Segment of the Project will be constructed, the specific locations of the proposed mattress installations, Construction Zones, and temporary work areas, as well as descriptions of work to be performed, plan and profile drawings depicting the Project, 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 local newspapers, mailed to stakeholders 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 the EM&CP Narrative, Appendix A, Pre-Lay Mattress Drawings, and Appendix D, Documentation of CI Consultations, which are confidential because they identify the location and nature of certain critical infrastructure information as defined by Public Officers Law § 86(5).

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

Sincerely,

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Enclosures