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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

Dear Secretary Phillips:

Enclosed please find the Environmental Management and Construction Plan (EM&CP) for Segment 12 of the electric transmission project known as Champlain Hudson Power Express ("CHPE" or the "Project"). This EM&CP is submitted by CHPE LLC and CHPE Properties, Inc. (together 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. This EM&CP Segment includes installation of approximately 7.6 miles of buried electrical transmission line within the public road right-of-way (ROW) of Route 9W in the Towns of Stony Point, Haverstraw and Clarkstown, including the Villages of Haverstraw and West Haverstraw (Rockland County). Segment 12 connects the Stony Point Transitional HDD location leaving the Hudson River to the Congers Transitional HDD location re-entering the Hudson River and was designed on land to avoid impacts to protected aquatic habitat in Haverstraw Bay.

The EM&CP provides detailed information regarding how the Segment will be constructed; the specific locations of the proposed permanent right-of-way, 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 have circulated or are in the process of circulating notices related to this filing and will serve this filing in accordance with the Certificate. Notices will be published in the official newspapers for each of the municipalities in which the proposed Segment is located.

Notices will also be mailed to landowners near the proposed Segment; posted to the project website; and circulated to Parties to this proceeding via upload to DMM. Notices to nearby structure owners were mailed as required by the Certificate. 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, which is confidential because it contains information regarding the status of ongoing contract negotiations which, if released publicly, could impair those negotiations; Appendix O, 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 T, CHPE Overland RTE Species and Significant Natural Communities Report, which contains confidential locational information regarding rare, threatened and endangered species and their habitats, which is protected from release under the NY Environmental Conservation Law.

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

Sincerely,

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Enclosures