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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 Segments 11 of 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 Segment 11 EM&CP includes installation of approximately 8.6 miles of buried overland cable running from the Town of Catskill through the Village of Catskill (Greene County) primarily along railroad rights-of-way. This EM&CP includes one preferred alternative to the existing Project route involving an approximately 0.8-mile portion of the line crossing under Catskill Creek, which occurs approximately 860 feet west of the approved route at its farthest point, within existing public highway rights-of-way. To the extent that use of this preferred alternative requires an Amendment to the Certificate, the Certificate Holders have included a Petition to Amend with this submission.

The EM&CP¹ 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,

¹ Please note that this submission does not include the EM&CP Narrative and Appendix E, Justification for Deviation Zone Excursions; those documents will be filed on or before March 29, 2023.

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 notices related to this filing and will serve this filing in accordance with the Certificate. Notices have been published in the official newspapers for each of the municipalities in which the proposed Segment 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. 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 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