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COMMENT SOUGHT ON PROPOSED CHAMPLAIN HUDSON TRANSMISSION LINE

Albany, NY – 10/18/10 – The New York State Public Service Commission today announced a series of Public Statement Hearings regarding a proposed transmission line — the Champlain Hudson Power Express, Inc. — to interconnect renewable energy generation from Canada to the State’s electric transmission system and New York City.

The public statement hearings will be held as follows:

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| <u>Yonkers, NY</u> | Monday, October 25, 2010 - 6:00 p.m.
Riverfront Library
1 Larkin Center
Yonkers, NY 10701 |
| <u>Kingston, NY</u> | Thursday, October 28, 2010 - 6:00 p.m.
Kingston City Hall
Council Chambers
420 Broadway, Second Floor
Kingston, NY |
| <u>Schenectady, NY</u> | Wednesday, November 3, 2010 - 6:00 p.m.
Schenectady County Public Library
99 Clinton Street, McChesney Room
Schenectady, NY |
| <u>Whitehall, NY</u> | Thursday, November 4, 2010 - 6:00 p.m.
Whitehall Town Office
58 Skenesborough Drive
Whitehall, NY 12887 |
| <u>Plattsburgh, NY</u> | Tuesday, November 9, 2010 – 5:30 p.m.
Plattsburgh Public Library
19 Oak Street, Auditorium
Plattsburgh, NY 12901 |

In August 2010, Champlain Hudson Power Express, Inc., (CHPEI) filed an application for a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need for a 1000 MW transmission facility from the Canadian border in the Village of Rouses Point, Town of Champlain, Clinton County, to New York City (the Application).

The new facility would be located largely underwater (sub-aquatic) in Lake Champlain and the Hudson River. However, for one segment of the route, the facility would bypass the water bodies, exiting the Champlain Canal north of Lock 12 and following an approximately 70-mile underground route in existing railroad rights-of-way, southwest to Schenectady and then southeast to enter the Hudson River south of Albany in the Town of Coeymans.

The direct-current circuit would terminate at a proposed converter station in Yonkers, where a sub-aquatic alternating current would continue south to an interconnection in Astoria, Queens. The new facility would allow CHPEI to interconnect renewable energy generation from Canada to the State's electric transmission system and New York City.

The public will have an opportunity to present their comments at these hearings before the Administrative Law Judge(s). A verbatim transcript of the hearings will be made for inclusion in the record of this proceeding. It is not necessary to make an appointment in advance or to present written material in order to speak at the public statement hearing. Speakers will be called after completing a card requesting time to speak. Each hearing will remain open and will continue until everyone wishing to speak has been heard or other reasonable arrangements are made.

Disabled persons requiring special accommodations may place a collect call to the Department of Public Service's Human Resource Management Office at (518) 474-2520 as soon as possible. TDD users may request a sign language interpreter by placing a call through the New York Relay Service at 711 to reach the Department of Public Service's Human Resource Office at the previously mentioned number.

Other Ways To Comment

In addition to the formal public statement hearing, comments may be mailed to Honorable Jaclyn A. Brillling, Secretary, NYS Public Service Commission, Three Empire State Plaza, Albany, New York, 12223-1350, or electronically at secretary@dps.state.ny.us. Your comments should refer to “Case 10-T-0139, Champlain Hudson – Article VII.”

Toll-Free Opinion Line: You may call the Commission’s Opinion Line at 1-800-335-2120. This number is set up to take comments about pending cases from in-state callers, 24 hours a day. Callers should select English or Spanish and press “1” to leave comments.

Internet: Comments may also be made via the “PSC Comment Form,” in the “Consumer Assistance” file accessed through the Commission’s Web site at <http://www.dps.state.ny.us> or via the “Contact Us” link at <http://www.AskPSC.com>. Many libraries offer free Internet access.

All statements and comments received by the Administrative Law Judges and the Commission will become part of the record in this proceeding.

The application and all related documents have been filed in the Commission’s file room in its Albany offices, Central Files, 14th Floor, Three Empire State Plaza, and are available for viewing on the Commission’s Web site at www.dps.state.ny.us by searching Case 10-T-0139 or under the “What’s Hot Electric” pulldown menu.

CHPEI’s application for the proposed transmission facility can also be viewed at local libraries and City, Town or Village Halls in municipalities in which the route is proposed to be located. In addition, the CHPEI application and related documentation may be viewed at the company’s Web site at <http://www.chpexpress.com>.