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PUBLIC INPUT SOUGHT ON 1,000 MW TRANSMISSION LINE

— **Electric Power Line Would Run from Canada to New York City** —

Albany, NY—04/18/12—The New York State Public Service Commission (Commission) announced today it was seeking public comment on a February 24, 2012 Joint Proposal (JP), filed by Champlain Hudson Power Express, Inc. and CHPE Properties (together, the Applicants) for approval to construct a 1,000 megawatt (MW) transmission facility from the Canadian border to New York City. The Commission may adopt, adopt with changes, or reject any of the terms of the pending JP. The Commission also may adopt terms other than those proposed.

Members of the public may provide their comments at public statement hearings. The Commission previously held hearings in Whitehall, Catskill, Ravena, Schenectady and Garnerville, New York. The session for the upcoming hearing will commence at **6:00 p.m.** and will be held as follows:

Tuesday, April 24, 2012

P.S. 122 Queens

Mamie Fay School

Auditorium

2121 Ditmars Blvd.

Astoria, NY 11105

Background

As outlined in the JP, the proposed facility will originate underwater at the international border between the United States and Canada and ultimately terminate in Astoria, New York. It will be

either underwater or underground for the majority of its length. The facility's transmission lines will be comprised of two solid dielectric cables, each approximately six inches in diameter. The facility will deliver 1000 MW of electricity, supplied primarily by new wind and hydroelectric generating sources from Quebec, Canada, to New York City.

In addition to the transmission lines, the facility will also include a converter station and a three-mile long High Voltage Alternating Current (HVAC) cable circuit from the Astoria Annex to the Rainey Substation, located in Astoria New York.

The JP provides for the establishment of a Trust to fund the study and mitigation of any possible impacts that the facility's underwater cables may have on the habitat in the Hudson, Harlem and East Rivers, Lake Champlain, and their tributaries. The JP also includes obligations, conditions and requirements that would apply to the construction and operation of the facility. Additional details are reflected in the JP, and its summary, appendices and exhibits, all of which are available on the Commission's Web site at www.dps.ny.gov, click on "Search," then search using the case number "10-T-0139." The applicants have also requested a water quality certification pursuant to Section 401 of the Federal Clean Water Act.

Public Statement Hearings

Members of the public will have an opportunity to present their comments at the public statement hearings before an Administrative Law Judge. Each public statement hearing session will be held open for a minimum of one hour, and will be kept open until everyone wishing to speak has been heard or other reasonable arrangements have been made.

It is not necessary to be present at the start of the hearing or to make an appointment in advance in order to speak. Persons interested in speaking will be asked to complete a card requesting time to speak when they arrive at the hearing, and will be called in the order in which the cards are received. Speakers are not required to provide written copies of their comments. A verbatim transcript of each hearing will be made for inclusion in the record.

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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 (518) 474-2520 number.

Other Ways to Comment

For those who cannot attend or prefer not to speak at a public statement hearing, there are several other ways to comment about this case to the Commission. Comments should refer to "Case 10-T-0139 - Champlain Hudson Power Express JP."

Internet: Go to the Web site (www.dps.ny.gov), look under the headings "What's Hot" and "Electric," click on "Champlain Hudson Power Express," then "PSC comment form" or search for Case 10-T-0139 (see explanation above) and then click on "Post Comments" at the top of the page. Alternately, e-mail comments may be sent directly to the Secretary to the Commission at secretary@dps.ny.gov.

Mail or Delivery: Comments may be mailed or delivered to Hon. Jaclyn A. Brillling, Secretary, Public Service Commission, Three Empire State Plaza, Albany, New York 12223-1350.

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.

Comments submitted via these alternate means are requested by **April 27, 2012**. Comments will become part of the record considered by the Commission. Written comments may be accessed on the Web site by searching Case 10-T-0139. Many libraries offer free Internet access.