

STATE OF NEW YORK  
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

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.

NOTICE SEEKING PUBLIC COMMENT

(Issued April 2, 2021)

Public comment is sought on a petition filed by CHPE LLC and CHPE Properties, Inc. (collectively, the Certificate Holders) to amend a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need (Certificate) authorizing the building, operation, and maintenance of the Champlain Hudson Power Express Project (Project). The Project is a High Voltage, Direct Current (HVDC) transmission line extending approximately 330 miles from the New York/Canada border to a converter station in Astoria, Queens.

The Certificate was granted in this proceeding by an order of the New York Public Service Commission (Commission) issued on April 18, 2013. The Commission granted amendments to the Certificate on March 20, 2020, August 13, 2020, September 21, 2020, and January 26, 2021, authorizing changes regarding Project construction filings and filing requirements, and approving route modifications.

In a petition filed January 29, 2021 (Amendment Petition), pursuant to Section 123(2) of the Public Service Law (PSL), the Certificate Holders request that the Certificate be amended to authorize an increase in the nameplate capacity of the Project from 1,000 megawatts (MWs) to 1,250 MWs through the

use of a 1,250 MW HVDC system, as well as associated modifications to the Project's transmission components and an increase in the footprint of the Astoria converter station from approximately 4.5 acres to 5.5 acres.

In a Supplement to the Amendment Petition, the Certificate Holders also request that the Commission clarify the meaning of Certificate Condition 22(a), which states, in relevant part, that finished grade shall be the grade at the elevation of the 100-year floodplain. The Certificate Holders assert that New York City has adopted requirements that would result in the finished grade at the proposed site of the converter station being set at the elevation of the 500-year floodplain. They request that the Commission clarify that Certificate Condition 22(a) sets the minimum elevation for finished grade based on local requirements existing at the time of construction and that an amendment of Certificate Condition 22(a) is not required.

The Amendment Petition and Supplement may be reviewed online at the Department of Public Service web page, [www.dps.ny.gov](http://www.dps.ny.gov), by searching under Case 10-T-0139. The Commission will consider the Certificate Holders' requests and may adopt or reject them, in whole or in part.

**PLEASE TAKE NOTICE** that the Commission is seeking comments on the Amendment Petition and Supplement. Comments should refer to "Case 10-T-0139 - Champlain Hudson Power Express." **Although comments will be accepted throughout the pendency of this proceeding, they are requested by April 21, 2021.**

#### **Ways to Comment**

There are several ways to provide your comments to the Commission.

**Via the Internet or Mail:** Please go to [www.dps.ny.gov](http://www.dps.ny.gov), click on "Search," enter "10-T-0139" in the "Search by Case Number" field, then click on the "Post Comments" button located at the top of the page, and then complete the form to which you are directed; or email your comments to the Secretary to the Commission at [secretary@dps.ny.gov](mailto:secretary@dps.ny.gov).

Alternatively, comments may be mailed to the Hon. Michelle L. Phillips, Secretary, New York State Public Service Commission, Three Empire State Plaza, Albany, New York 12223-1350.<sup>1</sup> All written comments will become part of the record considered by the Commission and may be accessed on the Department of Public Service website by searching the case number, as described above, and clicking on the "Public Comments" tab.

**Toll-Free Opinion Line:** Individuals may choose to submit comments by calling the Commission's Opinion Line at 1- 800-335-2120. This line is set up to receive in-state calls 24 hours a day. These calls are not transcribed verbatim, but a summary is provided to the Commission.

(SIGNED)

MICHELLE L. PHILLIPS  
Secretary

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