

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.

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NOTICE OF INFORMATION FORUMS  
AND PUBLIC STATEMENT HEARINGS

(Issued March 4, 2020)

Public comment is sought on a petition filed on December 6, 2019, by Champlain Hudson Power Express, Inc. (CHPE) and CHPE Properties, Inc. (collectively, the Applicants) to modify a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need (Certificate) authorizing the Applicants to build, maintain and operate the Champlain Hudson Power Express Project (Project). The Certificate was granted in this proceeding by an order of the State of New York Public Service Commission (Commission) issued on April 18, 2013. The Project is a High Voltage, Direct Current transmission line extending approximately 330 miles from the New York/Canada border to a converter station in Astoria, Queens.

The Applicants request modifications to (a) the route of the Project cables as previously contemplated and approved pursuant to the Certificate (the Certified Route) and (b) the site of the Project Converter Station as previously contemplated and approved pursuant to the Certificate. These modifications (together, the Preferred Alternatives) would constitute an addition of approximately 5.8 linear miles to the Project Route, or an overall increase in project length of less than 2%. The Applicants assert that, if constructed pursuant to the Preferred Alternatives, the Project will avoid shallow water installation

challenges, reduce rock removal and wetland impacts, eliminate disruption to urban revitalization in downtown Schenectady, forego reliance on an aging railroad bridge, accommodate community concerns, and simplify the design of the Converter Station and the connecting electrical facilities. The Applicants state that, individually and in the aggregate, the Preferred Alternatives do not present a material increase in any environmental impact or a substantial change to the location of the Project facilities.

**PLEASE TAKE NOTICE** that public statement hearings, preceded by information forums for public education, will be held before Administrative Law Judge Sean Mullany of the Department of Public Service, as follows:

**Date:** Monday, March 23, 2020

**Location:** First Reformed Church of Scotia  
224 North Ballston Avenue  
Scotia, New York 12302

**Time:** Information Forum: 1:00 p.m.  
Public Statement Hearing: 2:00 p.m.

Information Forum: 5:00 p.m.  
Public Statement Hearing: 6:00 p.m.

At the information forums, the Applicants will present a brief description of the Preferred Alternatives and the rationale for the requested modifications. Maps of the affected Project areas will be available for public review. Members of the public will then have an opportunity to pose questions about Commission's review process and the Certificate modifications that the Applicants are seeking.

At the public statement hearings, members of the public will have an opportunity to offer comments on the record about the Applicants' requested modifications to the

Certificate. It will not be necessary to make an appointment in advance or to present written material to speak at the hearing. Persons will be called to speak after completing a request card. The public statement hearings will remain open for a minimum of thirty minutes and will continue until everyone wishing to speak has been heard or other reasonable arrangements have been made. Reasonable time limits may be set for each speaker as necessary to afford all attendees an opportunity to be heard. It is recommended that lengthy comments be submitted in writing and summarized for oral presentation. A verbatim transcript of the hearings will be made for inclusion in the record of this proceeding and will be posted on the Commission's website in Case 10-T-0139.

People with disabilities requiring special accommodations should call the Department of Public Service's Human Resources 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. Individuals with difficulty understanding or reading English are encouraged to call the Commission at 1-800-342-3377 for free language assistance services regarding this notice.

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 provide your comments to the Commission. 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 30, 2020.

**Internet or Mail:** Go to [www.dps.ny.gov](http://www.dps.ny.gov), click on "Search," search using case number "10-T-0139" and then click the "Post Comments" button at the top of the page; or email comments to the Secretary to the Commission at [secretary@dps.ny.gov](mailto:secretary@dps.ny.gov).

Alternatively, comments may be mailed or delivered to the Hon. Michelle L. Phillips, Secretary, Public Service Commission, Three Empire State Plaza, Albany, New York 12223-1350. All written comments will become part of the record considered by the Commission and can be read on the website by searching by 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. Callers should reference "Case 10-T-0139, Champlain Hudson Power Express." This line is set up to receive in-state calls 24 hours a day. These calls are not transcribed but a summary will be reported to the Commission.

The petition may be viewed at [www.dps.ny.gov](http://www.dps.ny.gov) (search using the case number). Many libraries offer free internet service.

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MICHELLE L. PHILLIPS  
Secretary