

August 2, 2010

Dr. Jerry Pell  
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U.S. Department of Energy  
1000 Independence Avenue, S.W.  
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Re: Champlain Hudson Power Express

Dear Dr. Pell:

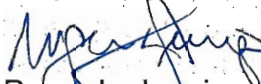
My Qualifications My Company has designed and supplied over 4000 high voltage electrical substations and transmission tower projects over 30 years. The customers included Rouses Point, NY, Plattsburgh Municipal Lighting, GE at IBM in Essex Jct., VT, GE's design for the AC-DC converter station in VT, and ConEd. When the Hydro-Quebec towers all collapsed in a winter storm all of our facilities performed without a flaw.

Rate History There was an energy crisis when President Carter was in office. FERC mandated that public utilities had to pay 6 cents per KWH to any independent that could produce power. The Chairman of ConEd at the annual shareholders' meeting stated that ConEd received so many proposals from independents that another generation project would not have to be considered for at least 50 years. Then NY passed Power Choice removing the obligation of utilities. Independent producers of power lost their customers. To sell power today, the independent is faced with a "wheeling" charge that makes the price excessively high.

Recommendation Move to eliminate wheeling charges so that any producer of power can sell to any buyer. Entrepreneurs will step in to produce power like they did previously. The U.S. will create jobs and will avoid a long term commitment that will worsen our balance of payments.

The proposed project is designed to serve the interests of a foreign corporation rather than the interests of the U.S.

Very truly yours,

  
Roger L. Jennings  
President