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U.S. Department of Energy
1000 Independence Ave. S.W.
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Re: Submittal of Addendum for Champlain Hudson Power Express, Inc. Application for Presidential Permit, PP-362

Dear Mr. Como:

On behalf of Champlain Hudson Power Express Inc. (CHPEI or the Applicant), Transmission Developers Inc. (TDI) submits this addendum to the Application for Presidential Permit, PP-362. As described below, this addendum clarifies the scope of the project for which a Presidential Permit is requested.

In the January 25, 2010 application, CHPEI proposed a 2,000-megawatt (MW) HVDC Voltage Source Converter controllable transmission system project, consisting of two 1,000-MW HVDC bipoles. Both bipoles would originate at an HVDC converter station southeast of Montreal, travel into the United States through Lake Champlain and down the Hudson River. One bipole (the "New York Circuit") would terminate at an HVDC converter station near Wells Avenue in Yonkers, New York, while the other (the "Connecticut Circuit") would continue along the Hudson to Spuyten Duyvil Creek, then follow a 65.8-mile-long route through the Harlem River and the East River into Long Island Sound before terminating at a converter station in Bridgeport, Connecticut.

Discussions with potential anchor customers have confirmed that the Connecticut Circuit is not commercially viable. TDI, therefore, is focusing its resources on the timely development and permitting of the New York Circuit. Accordingly, TDI, by this letter, clarifies that it is only seeking a Presidential Permit for the New York Circuit.

With regard to the New York Circuit, there are two further developments to report. First, due to concerns raised by the New York State Canal Corporation, CHPEI is now proposing to extend that portion of the route utilizing certain existing railroad easements paralleling the Champlain Canal all the way to Whitehall, New York, thus obviating any need to resort to Canal property. Second, due to concerns expressed by Consolidated Edison Company of New York, Inc. (Con Edison), CHPEI is now proposing to connect to Con Edison's system at a new electric substation currently being constructed by the New York Power Authority on Con Edison property near the site of the former Charles Poletti Power Plant in Astoria, Queens, New York.

The Astoria substation, which is now under construction, was proposed, permitted, and developed to accommodate additional future interconnections, and it will be built according to the specifications regardless of whether the Champlain Hudson Power Express is one of those interconnections. We have no reason to believe that the project will affect the facility's footprint in any significant way.

Please feel free to contact me at 518-465-0710 with any questions or concerns. We look forward to continuing to work with the Department as we develop this project.

Sincerely,

TRANSMISSION DEVELOPERS INC.

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