

U.S. Department of Energy
Champlain Hudson Power Express Transmission Line Project Draft Environmental Impact Statement
Notice of Availability and Public Hearing Announcement

The U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) has prepared a Draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) of 1969, as amended (42 U.S.C. 4321 et seq.), the Council on Environmental Quality (CEQ) NEPA regulations (40 CFR §§1500-1508), and the DOE NEPA implementing procedures (10 CFR §1021). The analysis considers the potential environmental impacts from the proposed Federal action of granting a Presidential permit to Champlain Hudson Power Express, Inc. (CHPEI) to construct, operate, maintain, and connect a new electric transmission line across the U.S.-Canada border in northeastern New York State.

DOE invites public and agency input on the Draft EIS. Copies of the Draft EIS can be obtained from Mr. Brian Mills at the contact information given below or are available for review at the Queens Library - Steinway in Astoria, the Yonkers Public Library - Riverfront Library, the Rose Memorial Library in Stony Point, the Kingston Public Library, the Schenectady Public Library, the Crandall Public Library in Glens Falls, and the Plattsburgh Public Library. The document is also available online at <http://chpexpresseis.org/library.php>. DOE will conduct public hearings commencing at the times identified below to receive comments on the Draft EIS analysis at the following locations:

Monday,
November 18, 2013
Courtyard Marriott
LaGuardia
9010 Ditmars Blvd.
East Elmhurst, NY 11369
12 p.m.

Monday,
November 18, 2013
Stony Point Center
17 Cricketown Rd.
Stony Point, NY 10980
6 p.m.

Tuesday,
November 19, 2013
Holiday Inn Albany
Wolf Road
205 Wolf Rd.
Albany, NY 12205
6 p.m.

Wednesday,
November 20, 2013
West Side Ballroom
253 New York Rd.
Plattsburgh, NY 12903
6 p.m.

Comments on the Draft EIS can be submitted verbally during public hearings or in writing to Mr. Brian Mills at: Office of Electricity Delivery and Energy Reliability (OE-20), U.S. Department of Energy, 1000 Independence Avenue, SW, Washington, DC 20585; via e-mail to Brian.Mills@hq.doe.gov; by facsimile to (202) 586-8008; or through the project website at <http://chpexpresseis.org>. Please mark envelopes and e-mail subject lines as "CHPE Draft EIS Comments." Written comments must be received by **December 16, 2013**. Comments submitted after that date will be considered to the extent practicable.