



**Department of Energy**  
Washington, DC 20585

July 12, 2013

**TO: Consulting Parties**

**SUBJECT: Proposed Champlain Hudson Power Express Transmission Line Project**

Dear Consulting Parties:

Champlain Hudson Power Express, Inc. has applied to the U.S. Department of Energy's (DOE) Office of Electricity Delivery and Energy Reliability for a Presidential Permit to construct, operate, maintain, and connect the portions of the proposed Champlain Hudson Power Express Transmission Line across the U.S.-Canada border in northeastern New York State. In considering a Presidential Permit for the Project, the DOE has the lead responsibility for compliance with applicable federal laws, regulations, and policies pertaining to historic properties, including the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, as amended (NHPA).<sup>1</sup> Section 106 of the NHPA (Section 106) directs federal agencies to take into account the effects of their undertakings on historic properties and to afford the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation (ACHP) a reasonable opportunity to comment.

The DOE formally initiated the Section 106 consultation process with the ACHP, the New York State Historic Preservation Officer (NYSHPO), the Delaware Nation, the St. Regis Mohawk Tribe, the Stockbridge-Munsee Community, the Shinnecock Indian Nation, the Delaware Tribe of Indians, and the U.S. Bureau of Indian Affairs (collectively the "Consulting Parties") regarding the Project (see Attachment A to this letter). Specifically, the DOE invited the Consulting Parties to participate in the analysis of potential environmental impacts of this Project and to formally consult with the agency pursuant to Section 106 of the NHPA and its implementing regulations at 36 CFR Part 800.

At this time, we would like to invite the Consulting Parties to participate in an upcoming consultation meeting on July 31, 2013. The purpose of this meeting will be to discuss the proposed Area of Potential Effects (APE) for this Project, the Cultural Resources Study Reports, and the proposed development of a Programmatic Agreement (PA) to address potential adverse effects of the Project on historic properties. This Section 106 consultation meeting will be held from 9:00 AM–12:00 PM (EST) at the offices of Hiscock and Barclay, located at 80 State Street (6th floor) in Albany, New York 12207. Those wishing to participate but unable to attend in person are invited to participate via conference call. The dial-in number for the call will be 866-994-6437. Please enter conference code 989-014-9046# when prompted.

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<sup>1</sup> 16 USC 470 *et seq.*

The DOE has established a website to provide information regarding the ongoing environmental review of this Project. Additional background information regarding the Project, an opportunity to subscribe to our mailing list, and more, are available at <http://www.chpexpresseis.org>.

Please feel free to contact me directly at any time at [Brian.Mills@hq.DOE.gov](mailto:Brian.Mills@hq.DOE.gov), or by phone at (202) 586-8267. I look forward to meeting with you on November 7, 2013.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Brian Mills". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke extending to the left.

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