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January 23, 2013

Rebecca and Wellington Casscles, by e-mail 69 Beach Road Stony Point, New York 10980

Re: Case 10-T-0139 – Champlain Hudson Power Express, Inc.

Dear Mrs. and Mr. Casscles:

We received your letter seeking reconsideration of the Acting Secretary's decision denying the request for a 60-day extension of the dates by which the parties must file exceptions to our recommended decision. You stress that an extension should be granted so that you may be heard. However, please note that one of the reasons for denying the extension request is that non-party individuals, like you, may continue to file public comments throughout the pendency of this proceeding.

You also express disappointment and outrage with our recommendations concerning the Champlain Hudson Power Express proposal. Our recommendations were based on our review of the overall record in this proceeding, which included, among other things, public comments, whether made in person at the public statement hearing that was held in Haverstraw or submitted by e-mail. Still, you have the continued opportunity to express any additional concerns you may have, as the Commission has not yet considered this proposal. You also say that we should come to your Town and see for ourselves what is involved; however, we have already done so, via a publicly announced site visit to Rockland County conducted last year.

Finally, you express concern that your rental home and possibly your personal home are in the proposed deviation zone. We looked at the maps that are in the record and it does not appear that the two houses you mention are in the proposed deviation zone. See JP Appendix B, Terrestrial Route Deviation Zone Maps, sheet 515 of 568. That said, representatives of the Applicants will be in Stony Point on February 5, 2013, to answer questions the public may have on any aspect of the project. See Applicants' notice at "http://chpexpress.com/." We encourage you to attend the Applicants' February 5 meeting to confirm your understanding of the location of your two houses relative to the proposed deviation zone. After attending that meeting and asking any questions you may have, if you still have reason to believe that your houses are within the proposed deviation zone, please submit comments explaining the bases for your belief as soon as possible so that those comments may be timely reported to the Commission.

Thank you for your interest in this proceeding. Your letter has been placed in the public file, and is now part of the formal record upon which the Commission will decide to grant, modify, or reject the Applicants' proposal.

Respectfully,

Michelle L. Phillips and Kevin J. Casutto Administrative Law Judges

cc: Acting Secretary