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Mr. Jurgen Wekerle, Co-Chair  
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Re: CASE 10-T-0139 - Application of Champlain Hudson Power Express, Inc. for a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need Pursuant to Article VII of the PSL for the Construction, Operation and Maintenance of a High Voltage Direct Current Circuit from the Canadian Border to New York City.

Dear Mr. Wekerle:

This letter responds to your letter to me, dated August 25, 2015, in the above-captioned proceeding. In it, you seek to understand the procedure that would apply should the holders of the certificate of environmental compatibility and public need (Certificate) granted by the Commission in this proceeding file an application proposing the construction and operation of a converter station at the New Scotland Substation in Albany County.<sup>1</sup>

In order for the Commission to authorize the addition of a converter station, the certificate holders would have to file an application for an amendment of the previously-granted Certificate, pursuant to §§121(3) and 123(2) of the Public Service Law. An example of such filing is that made in Case 13-T-0077, where a new substation was proposed to be added to a transmission line that was constructed and is being operated pursuant to a previously granted Certificate.<sup>2</sup> In that situation, when the application for an amendment of the Certificate was filed, a new case number was given because the Certificate had been granted in Case 26520, a

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<sup>1</sup> Case 10-T-0139, Champlain Hudson Power Express, Inc., Order Granting Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need (issued April 18, 2013). Those granted the Certificate were Champlain Hudson Power Express, Inc., and CHPE Properties, Inc.


<sup>2</sup> Case 13-T-0077, Niagara Mohawk Power Corporation, Order Granting Amendment to Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need (issued August 22, 2014).

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case number that does not fit with the Department of Public Service's Document and Matter Management (DMM) System.

Be assured that, if an application for an amendment of the Certificate granted in Case 10-T-0139 is filed, whether in that case or with a new case number, parties to Case 10-T-0139 will be notified.

Sincerely,



Kathleen H. Burgess  
Secretary

cc: All Parties