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**Re: Champlain Hudson Power Express, Inc.
OE Docket No. PP-362**

Dear Dr. Pell:

Enclosed for filing please find an original and (15) fifteen copies of Niagara Mohawk Power Corporation's Motion to Intervene in the above referenced docket.

Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

Yours truly,

David E. Metcalfe

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**UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
BEFORE THE
DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY
OFFICE OF ELECTRICITY DELIVERY AND ENERGY RELIABILITY**

In The Matter Of:)
)
Champlain Hudson Power Express, Inc.) **OE Docket No. PP-362**

**MOTION TO INTERVENE
OF NIAGARA MOHAWK POWER CORPORATION**

Pursuant to Rule 214 the Commission’s Rules of Practice and Procedure, 18 C.F.R. §385.214, Niagara Mohawk Power Corporation (“Niagara Mohawk”), a New York utility operating subsidiary of National Grid USA, respectfully moves to intervene in this proceeding.

Communications and Correspondence

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Motion To Intervene

On January 27, 2010, Champlain Hudson Power Express, Inc. (“CHPEI”) filed an application with the Office of Electricity Delivery and Energy Reliability of the Department of Energy (“DOE”) for a Presidential Permit. CHPEI proposes to construct and operate a primarily underground and submarine high-voltage direct current (“HVDC”) electric transmission line (the “Project”) that will originate at an HVDC converter station in Quebec, Canada, and ultimately terminate in Yonkers, New York, and Bridgeport, Connecticut.

Niagara Mohawk is primarily engaged in the transmission and distribution of electricity and natural gas in the State of New York. It owns electric transmission facilities that have been placed under the operational control of the New York Independent System Operator, Inc. In furtherance of its provision of safe and reliable service to its customers at just and reasonable rates, it participates continuously and extensively in the state, regional and Canadian electric and gas markets for capacity, commodity and transmission.

Niagara Mohawk has a significant interest in this proceeding that cannot be adequately represented by any other party. A considerable portion of the proposed route of the Project through upstate New York traverses Niagara Mohawk’s retail electric and gas service territories and may cross Niagara Mohawk’s gas or electric transmission and/or distribution corridors. Construction in these areas may require that system precautions be taken to assure safety and the security of supply. Niagara Mohawk’s awareness of the CHPEI Project scope and schedule will allow it to anticipate these needs to secure the system and build that information into its capital and operation and maintenance plans.

Niagara Mohawk has active transmission line projects underway in or near the proposed Project route. Public outreach is an important element in Niagara Mohawk’s transmission

projects. Niagara Mohawk's awareness of CHPEI's plans and schedule will be important to enable Niagara Mohawk to assist the public in identifying transmission project owners, thereby minimizing the potential for public confusion as to ownership.

The CHPEI Project may utilize local labor resources Niagara Mohawk or its contractors calls upon for its projects. Being aware of the CHPEI Project's schedule and resourcing strategy will help Niagara Mohawk to assess the risks to its projects.

For the foregoing reasons, Niagara Mohawk's intervention in this proceeding should be permitted as in the public interest. Niagara Mohawk therefore respectfully moves to intervene in this proceeding.

Respectfully submitted,

Niagara Mohawk Power Corporation

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