



U.S. DEPARTMENT OF **ENERGY**

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DOE Environmental Impact Statement Public Scoping Meeting on Champlain Hudson Power Express Transmission Line Project

Washington, D.C. --The Department of Energy (DOE) is hosting seven meetings for public participation as part of its Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) preparation process pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) to assess the potential environmental impacts from its proposed action of granting a Presidential permit to Champlain Hudson Power Express, Inc., to construct, operate, maintain, and connect a new electric transmission line across the U.S.-Canada border in northeastern New York.

The meetings will enable the public to provide comments for consideration in establishing the scope of the EIS including consideration of potential alternatives and impacts. DOE invites interested agencies, organizations, Native American tribes, and members of the public to submit comments to assist in identifying significant environmental issues.

Champlain Hudson is proposing to install and operate two 1,000-megawatt (MW) High Voltage Direct Current (HVDC) bipole submarine transmission cables extending from Quebec, Canada, to New York City and southwestern Connecticut, for an overall length of about 385 miles. The transmission cables will be installed in waterways including Lake Champlain, the Champlain Canal system, the Hudson River, and Long Island Sound. Short sections of the cables may be buried within portions of existing railroad rights-of-way. Also, two substations are proposed for construction in Yonkers, NY, and Bridgeport, CT.

The two-part meetings include an informal discussion "workshop" period, followed by formal comment session with transcription by a court stenographer. Although the proceedings are at an early stage, DOE, Champlain Hudson, and any cooperating agency representatives will be available to answer questions and provide additional current information.

Further information on this project and the Presidential permit process is on the project EIS website at <http://CHPExpressEIS.org> , including the Federal Register Notice describing the project and all of the scoping meetings, or by contacting Dr. Jerry Pell at (202) 586-3362 or by e-mail at jerry.pell@hq.doe.gov.

The list of meetings and locations is attached.

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Champlain Hudson Scoping Meeting Locations		
Location	Street Address	Date and Time
Bridgeport, Connecticut	Bridgeport City Hall 45 Lyon Terrace Bridgeport, CT 06604	Thursday, July 8, 2010 7:00 – 9:00 pm,
New York, New York	U.S. Environmental Protection Agency* 290 Broadway, Room 27A (27 th floor, conference room A) New York, NY 10007 Note: * This is a secure building: all carried items, e.g., handbags and backpacks, will be X-rayed and visitors will pass through a metal detector.	Friday, July 9, 2010 2:00 – 4:00 pm
Yonkers, New York	Royal Regency Hotel 165 Tuckahoe Road Yonkers, NY 10710	Monday, July 12, 2010 7:00– 9:00 pm
Kingston, New York	Holiday Inn Kingston, NY 503 Washington Avenue Kingston, NY 12401	Tuesday, July 13, 2010 7:00 – 9:00 pm
Albany, New York:	The Holiday Inn Albany at Wolf Road 205 Wolf Road Albany, NY12205	Wednesday, July 14, 2010 7:00 – 9:00 pm
Glens Falls, New York	Ramada Glens Falls/Lake George Area 1 Abby Lane (exit 19 off I- 87) Queensbury, NY 12804	Thursday, July 15, 2010 7:00 – 9:00 pm
Plattsburgh, New York	Plattsburgh North Country Chamber of Commerce 7061 State Route 9 Plattsburgh, NY 12901	Friday, July 16, 2010 7:00 – 9:00 pm