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> REF: CHPE, LLC Docket No. PP-481 Presidential Permit

Dear Mr. Lawrence:

Your letter dated April 23, 2020, requested the Secretary of State's views on the application filed by Champlain Hudson Power Express, Inc. (CHPEI) and CHPE, LLC with the Department of Energy on April 6, 2020 in OE Docket No. PP-481. I hereby report that Secretary of State has provided a favorable recommendation for the issuance of the above-referenced Presidential permit.

Sincerely,

Francis R. Fannon Assistant Secretary

Bureau of Energy Resources