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Re: Environmental Impact Statement Scoping Comments for Docket No. PP-362

Dear Sir:

I am hereby submitting the attached comments on behalf of Riverkeeper, Inc. in response to the *Notice of Intent to Prepare an Environmental Impact Statement and to Conduct Scoping Process* filed in the Federal Register on June 18, 2010 regarding Champlain Hudson Power Express, Inc.'s application for a Presidential permit to construct, operate, maintain, and connect an electric transmission line across the US-Canada border in northeastern New York State.

Riverkeeper is a member-supported, independent not-for-profit environmental group based in Westchester County, NY. Our mission is to protect and preserve the ecological integrity of the Hudson River and its tributaries as well as safeguard the drinking water supply of New York City. With the help of our diverse membership, which includes an array of constituents from local fisherman and upstate rural families to urbanites and suburbanites, we use a toolbox of litigation, advocacy and public education to pursue our goal of a "fishable, swimmable" Hudson River.

As a steward of the Hudson River, Riverkeeper has a vested interest in assuring that comprehensive studies are performed for the production of the Draft Environmental Impact Statement. Clean energy sources are desirable if they are provided without adversely affecting the ecological integrity of the natural environment. Riverkeeper urges the Department of Energy staff, in collaboration with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation, and the New York Public Service Commission, to fully consider the following comments in its preparation for the draft Environmental Impact Statement.

Riverkeeper looks forward to participating throughout the environmental review process.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Phillip Musegaas". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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