Afternoon Sha, I realize it’s the end of the day and members are off. Was hoping you wouldn’t mind considering a joint release with the County Executive, Regional Chamber and CEG. The CE (mary rozak) is looking at it and I am reaching into the Chamber to see if they would be interested in signing on.

The PSC has extended public comment until March 7th and we are hoping for a last minute push. If after the weekend John/you might be willing I could give you a call.

WE took liberties and drafted a release/quote in advance.

Hope you don’t mind

If you aren’t interested, I completely understand.

We think we can get it place in the business review as well

Have a great weekend

Regards,

Bill
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Capital Region Leaders Support Champlain Hudson Power Express Project
County Executive Dan McCoy, Assemblyman John McDonald, Capital Region Chamber of Commerce, and Center for Economic Growth

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Demonstrate Economic and Climate Leadership Through Public Support

- Project to bring $164M over 30 years to Albany County
- 37 M metric tons by 2040, the equivalent of the annual emissions of 500,000 vehicles
- 1,400 union labor jobs, generating more than $400 million in wages and benefits
- Help reduce the impact of price spikes in the volatile oil and gas market felt in our energy bill

Albany, NY – Today, County Executive Dan McCoy, Assemblyman John McDonald, Capital Region Chamber of Commerce, and Center for Economic Growth come together as leaders to voice their support for the Champlain Hudson Power Express (CHPE). Their ask to the State’s Public Service Commissioners is that New York State advance this important Tier 4 project in order to reduce emissions from fossil fuel burning plants, bring needed tax benefits to the county, create jobs for our residents, and help reduce the impact of future price spikes in the volatile oil and gas market that we feel in our energy bill.

The CHPE will create a carbon reduction of 37 M metric tons by 2040, the equivalent of the annual emissions of 500,000 vehicles. Additionally, through the IDA approved PILOT tax agreement, the CHPE project will bring $164 million dollars to Albany County over the next 30 years, supporting the community and school system. CHPE was one of two projects advanced by NYSERDA, both of which are supported by Governor Kathleen Hochul and are critical to the success of our region.

On March 7th, the Public Service Commission will close the public comment period and schedule a full vote by their Commissioners later this Spring. The CHPE, which brings clean, renewable hydro power from Canada through a fully buried transmission line, need the Commissioners’ approval to move forward. A denial would mean the State will continue to rely on fossil fuels as their primary source of energy production. As the largest transmission projects contracted for New York State in the last 50 years, these projects will reduce fossil fuel use for electricity by more than 80 percent by 2030 when combined with the state's deployment of clean energy and offshore wind.

Supporting Quotes:
“As the Albany County Executive, it’s my job to fight for those in need & creating better opportunities our community. The CHPE project does just that. Not only will it bring $164 million dollars to support our community and schools, but it will also help us move away from fossil fuels to protect our environment for generations to come. This project will also help reduce the impact of price spikes in the volatile oil and gas market felt in our energy bills,” said County Executive Dan McCoy.

Assemblyman John McDonald said, “New York needs renewable energy. The CHPE project will deliver a lot of it in short order, creating jobs, helping communities, and benefiting indigenous peoples in the process. For these reasons and more, I support the contract agreement between NYSERDA and CHPE. Let's get started building New York's clean energy future! Under New York's Climate Leadership and Community Protection Act (CLCPA) the State is committed to achieving 70% renewable energy by 2030. New York needs large scale, ready-to-go projects that will free the state from a reliance on burning fossil fuels to generate its electricity.”

“CEG is dedicated to driving economic growth in New York’s eight-county, 1.1-million-person Capital Region. The CHPE project is economic growth – generating $1.4 Billion in funding for 73 municipalities and 59 school districts across the state, of which $164M will come to Albany County. As well at an increasing rate, our region is looking for opportunities to help improve energy sustainability, reduce emissions, and find opportunities for growth. Again, the CHPE is that improvement! The Commission has such an opportunity in front of them in the form of these contracts which will meet those objectives, improve grid reliability, and provide real, tangible benefits to both public health and the entire economy of New York State,” said Mark Eagan, President and CEO of the Center for Economic Growth.
"The Capital Region Chamber represents over 2,800 businesses and organizations that employ more than 160,000 area residents. The Chamber is a unifying force for progress, leading opportunities for businesses to succeed, and for people and our communities to prosper. The CHPE project will bring 1400 good paying union jobs to New York. The local unions will be front of the line for local work, but we will also see a positive economic ripple effect in local establishments as the work moves through – hotels, restaurants, coffee shops and more will see increased business.” Said Thomas O’Connor, Vice President Government Affairs for the Capital Region Chamber

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Of yea....especially at -15 Sunday AM!

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Thank you Assemblyman. Hope you had a great time in Placid

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Good afternoon,

Attached please find a letter acknowledging your comments in the above-referenced proceeding.  
Thank you.

Michelle L. Phillips  
Secretary to the Commission  

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