

# **NOTICE OF OPEN SOLICITATION: TRANSMISSION CAPACITY ON THE 1,000 MW CHAMPLAIN HUDSON POWER EXPRESS**

CHPE, LLC announces the commencement of an open solicitation process to allocate transmission capacity on the Champlain Hudson Power Express (CHPE), a 1,000 MW, north-to-south, High-Voltage Direct Current (HVDC), merchant transmission line that will deliver power into New York City. CHPE, LLC is majority-owned by TDI-USA Holdings Corporation (d/b/a TDI), a Blackstone portfolio company.

**PROJECT DESCRIPTION.** CHPE is an approximately 333-mile (536-km), 1,000 MW, underground and underwater HVDC electric power transmission line with an aboveground HVDC converter station. The transmission line will interconnect with: (1) Hydro-Québec TransÉnergie at the U.S.-Canada border; and (2) a converter station located in Astoria, Queens where it will connect to the Astoria Annex substation. Electric power from the Astoria Annex will be distributed onto the Consolidated Edison system at the Annex and also at the Rainey Substation in Astoria, Queens, New York, via two approximately 3.5 mile underground high voltage alternating current circuits. CHPE, LLC anticipates transitioning from the development phase to the construction phase in early 2021, and that the line will commence commercial operation in 2025. CHPE, LLC is exploring the feasibility of expanding CHPE by 250 MW, for a total capacity of 1,250 MW.

**OPEN SOLICITATION PROCESS.** Consistent with the requirements of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, CHPE, LLC will undertake an open solicitation process to allocate transmission capacity on CHPE. CHPE, LLC has retained The Brattle Group as the Independent Solicitation Manager (ISM) to conduct and oversee the open solicitation process.

The open solicitation process will commence on June 23, 2020. On that date, interested parties can access the CHPE Open Solicitation website ([www.chpexpress-os.com](http://www.chpexpress-os.com)). The website will contain additional information about the project, including an information memorandum that provides details on the market opportunities associated with accessing New York markets.

Parties interested in purchasing transmission capacity on CHPE must submit an “Expression of Interest” no later than August 14, 2020 (although this deadline may be extended due to factors related to the COVID-19 pandemic). Expressions of Interest can be submitted via the website ([www.chpexpress-os.com](http://www.chpexpress-os.com)) or via email to The Brattle Group ([chp-express-ism@brattle.com](mailto:chp-express-ism@brattle.com)). CHPE, LLC will evaluate and rank prospective customers based on: (1) level of creditworthiness; (2) anticipated amount of reserved capacity; (3) anticipated length of term; (4) financial strength; (5) desired date for the commencement of transmission service; (6) development status of energy assets; and (7) information regarding energy supply and ability to advance New York public policies. CHPE, LLC reserves the right to offer first-movers, and customers willing to share project risk, more favorable rates, terms, and conditions. CHPE, LLC will not consider negotiating with any party that does not express interest in at least 50 MW of capacity. After review of the Expressions of Interest, CHPE, LLC will identify a party or parties with whom to negotiate agreements for the sale of transmission rights. In the event the transmission line is oversubscribed, CHPE, LLC will assess the economic and technical feasibility of increasing the capacity of CHPE. If increasing the transmission line’s capacity is not feasible, capacity on CHPE will be allocated to those customers who value it most.

Any changes to the project or the status of the open solicitation process will be posted to the open solicitation website. Questions regarding the open solicitation process should be directed to The Brattle Group ([chp-express-ism@brattle.com](mailto:chp-express-ism@brattle.com)). Questions regarding the project should be directed to Josh Bagnato ([josh.bagnato@transmissiondevelopers.com](mailto:josh.bagnato@transmissiondevelopers.com)).