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Legislator Jobson Testifies Before Senate Committee Hearing Concerning Proposed Champlain Hudson Power Express Project

New City, NY (October 25, 2012) – Rockland County Legislator Douglas J. Jobson (Stony Point-Ramapo) testified on Tuesday at a hearing conducted by the New York State Senate Energy and Telecommunications Committee and spoke in opposition to the Champlain Hudson Power Express Project, a proposal to install a 330-mile transmission line from Canada to Queens, NY to provide hydro and wind power to the lower Hudson Valley. The plan is to run the line under the Hudson River beginning in Catskill, NY, route it to land at Tomkins Cove to avoid disruption of the environmentally sensitive Haverstraw Bay, and continue through Stony Point and Haverstraw and route it back into the river an at exit point at Clarkstown’s Rockland Lake.

Legislator Jobson has previously spoken in opposition to the proposal and has called upon the NYS Public Service Commission to encourage revitalization of the shuttered Lovett and Bowline plants as sources of energy for the region. Jobson has said that the retooling of the plants would bolster the local economy and create local employment opportunities.

“Why would we entertain a power line that is owned by a foreign entity?” asked Legislator Jobson. “We have a water company owned by the French and now this proposal from another foreign source. With the threat of terrorism an ongoing and realistic national concern, how can we place the control to operate a power system in the hands of a foreign entity, albeit, our collegial neighbor Canada. No, the power to control the on/off button should be on our soil.”

The Senate committee will conduct a second hearing on the matter on November 7, from 7:00 to 9:00 pm at the Rho Building in Stony Point.

“I encourage my fellow citizens to voice their opinion,” said Jobson. “The committee wants input and needs to hear it from those most affected.”

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