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Ms. Jacklyn A. Brillling, Secretary
New York State Public Service Commission
3 Empire State Plaza,
Albany, New York 12223-1350

Re: CASE 05-M-0090 - In the Matter of the System Benefits Charge III
Notice Seeking Additional Comments (Issued April 1, 2005)

Dear Ms. Brillling:

The ALSC compliments the PSC on the success and efficiencies of the existing SBC process and management of priorities and projects by NYSEKDA. The budget amendment (Senate 3669; Assembly 6843) passed by the Legislature on March 30, 2005 raises concern about potential disruption of long-term commitments to activities of public benefit like the Adirondack Long Term Monitoring program.

The PSC's funding for environmental monitoring and research on air pollution impacts from electricity generation to the Adirondack Park through the SBC has been, without question, hugely successful. Adirondack monitoring for ecosystem response to atmospheric pollution has become the foundation data for modeling of future emission/ecosystem response scenarios. This work has been recognized internationally and has continued to position New York as a leader in the field of environmental monitoring and the determination of environmental policy based on hard scientific data.

We ask that however this is resolved, that it be done in such a way that we can reasonably anticipate a reliable source of funding so that long-term planning and long-term commitments can be met. Thank you for the opportunity to comment.

Sincerely,

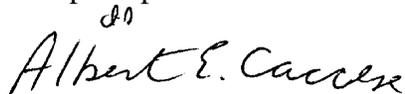
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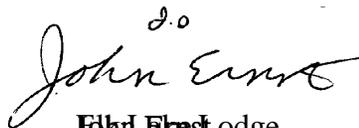
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