



Jaclyn A. Brillling  
Secretary  
New York State Public Service Commission  
3 Empire State Plaza  
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Re: CASE-05-M-0090 - In the Matter of System Benefits Charge III Response to Additional Comments

Dear Ms. Brillling:

I read with dismay the proposal by the State Legislature to usurp control of SBC funds. While I understand their concern for holding Public Authorities accountable, I do not agree with their position in this particular case.

- 1. NYSERDA is already accountable through the Public Service Commission.
- 2. We live in a state in which it is expensive and difficult to do business. The energy crisis and the high energy costs in this state exacerbate the problem. Too many of our citizens are leaving. Outside of New York City and a few pockets such as Albany, many of our towns and cities are no better off than the poorest states. SBC was set up to offer a uniform set of conservation programs across the state in an effort to mitigate the high energy cost problem. It is succeeding. I fear that putting the program under legislative control will result in redirection of funds to pork barrel projects, which is not the intent of the program, nor in the best interest of the citizens of New York State.
- 3. The planning horizon for energy supply/conservation is longer than the political planning horizon. Many of the NYSERDA programs are multi-year. Political delays and disruptions in programming funding will negatively impact the effectiveness of the programs.

In summary, this is a very poor idea. The legislature already has numerous challenges which it must deal with. SBC is an area it shouldn't be involved in.

Thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Dennis R. Landsberg".

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President