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

Re: Case 05-M-0090 – In the Matter of the Systems Benefits Charge III.

Dear Secretary Brillling:

Please find attached supplemental comments by New York-Presbyterian Hospital (NYPH) comments on the above referenced case. NYPH encompasses four New York hospitals including the Weill Cornell Medical Center, Columbia Presbyterian Hospital, The Allen Pavilion, and New York-Presbyterian Hospital of Westchester.

Respectfully submitted,

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Enclosures
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**Comments from New York-Presbyterian Hospital
in response to the State of New York Public Service Commission's
Notice Seeking Additional Comments
issued April 1, 2005**

Submitted April 8, 2005

New York Presbyterian Hospital (NYPH) was formed by merger in 1997 of the New York Hospital and The Presbyterian Hospital, combining two institutions with long and distinguished histories. NYPH operates four campuses in New York Metro area. We are New York's largest private employer and one of New York City's largest end users of electricity with a summer peak load exceeding fifty megawatts.

The annual energy spend for our institution in 2004 exceeded \$43 million and due to cost increases for gas, fuel oil, and electricity our energy budget for 2005 is expected to reach over \$50 million. In order to control escalating costs, we have made a dedicated commitment to increases in efficiency, investments to our infrastructure, and an aggressive energy conservation and management program. This year, our efforts were recognized by the EPA and US Department of Energy as we were named ENERGY STAR Partner of the Year.

With great assistance from NYSERDA, under the leadership of Peter Smith, New York-Presbyterian Hospital has achieved energy savings of 5,807,009 kilowatt-hours of electricity, 584KW of summer peak demand, and considerable energy cost savings. We have participated in most of the programs offered by NYSERDA including Peak Load Reduction, Commercial Industrial Performance, Technical Assistance, New Construction, and Flex Tech to name a few.

Our involvement with NYSERDA has further inspired us to expand our participation in demand response programs, necessary to protect the integrity and reliability of the New York City grid. We now pledge almost 4 megawatts of in-City capacity in the UCAP program, achieved through load shifting and electrical curtailments.

We strongly concur with the comments submitted by Conservation Services Group and strongly recommend that the existing budget amendment be changed to ensure that funding for energy conservation will continue to be implemented by the New York State Energy Research and Development Authority. The proposed appropriation approach would significantly hinder our ability to commit to making large, financial investments to continue our energy conservation program. Additional multi-year . Appropriations are annual. Significant energy conservation is a multi-year investment project. Programs for all types of customers need multi-year commitments to be viable. In particular, programs that affect new construction (both residential and commercial/industrial) routinely deal with multi-year building cycles, where standards and incentive levels have to be set two three or even more years in advance of the expected completion date. NYSERDA, that program unity and focus be maintained, and that NYSERDA continue to have the power to plan and implement multi-year programs.