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

To Ms. Brillling:

I m writing in support of the current **funding** for the New York State Energy Research and Development Authority (NYSERDA) as is received through the Systems Benefit Charge (SBC).

As a New York resident, I have become keenly aware of the importance of energy efficiency, the availability of green power, the current effort to bring New York's retail energy portfolio to 25% renewable, and the various research projects that have taken place in the state regarding energy and the environment. I give credit to NYSERDA for both pursuing these projects, and for making me aware of them.

A few programs that NYSERDA is overseeing are of great importance to the state and should be considered a top priority for **funding** in the upcoming analysis. Those are the Environmental Monitoring, Evaluation and Protection (EMEP), the Renewable Energy Research and Development Program, and all programs specifically targeted at efficiency. All are essential to encourage sound research and development of renewable **and/or** environmentally sensitive energy.

I urge you to find these programs to the fullest extent possible. They have been immensely successfil, and will only become more so as costs for non-renewable resources increase, and energy demand pressures in the state increase.

Sincerely,

Ben Hoen

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Ben Hoen', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.