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Re: Case 05-M-0090

Dear Ms. Billing:

I want to thank you for this opportunity to comment on the above mentioned project. I express these thoughts as former Chairman of the Adirondack Park Agency as the Executive Director of the Hudson River Black River Regulating District.

It has come to my attention that the Public Service Commission is seeking public comment on a proposed extension of the System Benefits Charge which supports a number of environmental monitoring and research programs.

As in the past, I applaud the efforts of the Public Service Commission in enabling reliable **funding** for long-term monitoring of Adirondack lakes through the programs funded by the System Benefits Charge. Fifty-two Adirondack lakes are sampled monthly in the Adirondack Lakes **Long-term** Monitoring Program. Stream and fisheries data are also collected. These data continue to be critically important in providing information to address the complex problems of acid precipitation and the pollution it causes to forests, lakes, and streams. Without Adirondack water quality **monitoring**, the **actual** effect of changes in emissions **from** upwind "smoke stacks" could not be sufficiently **tracked**. **This** data provides the essential link to policy decisions affecting our irreplaceable Adirondack Park resources.

Furthermore, it is **important** that **this** funding source that has provided a consistent long-term data set to scientists, the public **and** policy makers be expected to continue into the future to guide all parties concerned with managing acid **deposition**.

As an essential component of sound environment **policy** for the Adirondack Park, we hope that the support for long-term **monitoring** will be continued.

Very truly yours,

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Richard H. Lefebvre  
HRBRRD, Executive Director  
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