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NYS Public Service Commission
3 Empire Plaza
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Extension of System Benefits Charge (SBC) program
supporting acid rain research & monitoring

Dear Public Service Commission:

It's unfortunate that suspension of the SBC program is even being considered.

Funding for this program is vital for continued long-term monitoring of acid deposition in Adirondack lakes, and other worthwhile research.

After 21 uninterrupted years of data collection on lake chemistry, curtailing this program would be a shame. Much still needs to be ascertained about the progress of lake recovery from past deposition.

The cost to any single individual seems to be minor, in light of the public benefit gained.

Please see that this productive program continues to receive full financial support for at least another five years.

Sincerely yours.

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