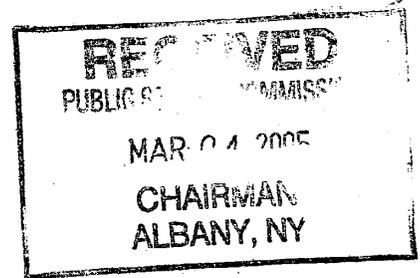


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Re: CASE **05-M-0090** In the Matter of the System Benefits Charge III

Dear Mr. Flynn,

Due to the significant public benefit of the program portfolio, as outlined in NYSEDA Program Evaluation Reports, we urge The NYS Public Service Commission to continue collecting the System Benefit Charge for at least five more years at the same level of funding, minimum. The program portfolio should continue to focus on energy efficiency, research and development in renewable resources, environmental protection, and energy affordability for low-income utility customers, as well as adding new programs, with any additional funding, for natural gas customers. The NYSEDA has thus far served as a competent administrator to the fund and should continue on in this function.

Thank you for considering these comments.

Sincerely,

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