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

Dear Ms. Brillling,

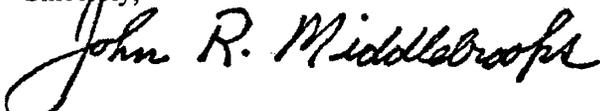
I am submitting this letter to you in support of continuing the NYS Public Service Commission (PSC) System Benefit Charge (SBC) and the New York State Energy Research and Development Authority (NYSERDA) projects it funds.

As a New York State homeowner and retired state employee, I have had a wide range of contact with NYSEDA programs and staff. In each instance, the breadth of research and development initiatives coupled with staff knowledge and commitment has impressed me. The SBC is an investment in New York's economic and environmental future. The Research and Development coordinated through NYSEDA is integral for New York's continued commitment toward energy **efficiency**, smart economic growth and environmental stewardship. The business, institutional and residential programs have led to:

- Increased consumers awareness of the environmental impacts associated with energy production
- Reduced peak energy demand
- Market transformation for residential Energy Star® appliances through the NY Energy Smart Program
- Increased consumer knowledge and awareness of energy conservation alternatives and efficiency benefits
- Integration and expansion of sustainable renewable energy (such as wind) service to NYS consumers
- Improved air quality through reduced air pollutant emissions from fossil fuel combustion

Point and fact – I now purchase wind and small hydro through Community Energy and have CFL in all of my fixtures. Even with the System Benefit Charge and Renewable Energy charge I have cut my energy use and bill drastically. Additionally, I have investigated placing solar PV panels or a small wind turbine on my farm to meet my energy needs. In conclusion, the SBC and the portfolio of NYSEDA programs funded by SBC monies is a prototype for other states to emulate.

Sincerely,

  
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