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SUBJECT: .COMMENTS IN SUPPORT OF THE SBC RENEWAL

To Whom It May Concern:

Since 1975, the New York State Energy Research and Development Authority (NYSERDA) has developed and implemented innovative products and processes to enhance the State's energy efficiency, economic growth, and environmental protection. One of NYSEDA's key efforts, the Environmental Monitoring, Evaluation, and Protection (EMEP) program supports energy-related environmental research. The EMEP program has provided tremendous information and study material for us, the students, at the Bard Center for Environmental Policy (BCEP). I've been impressed with the quality of NYSEDA's products (we have had guest speakers, we attended the 2003 EMEP conference, and we also visited NYSEDA in September 2004 and heard speakers from several programs) and I wish to see these opportunities continue.

I urge you to renew the System Benefit Charge and allow NYSEDA to continue innovative and worthwhile programs.

Respectfully,



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