



New York Indoor Environmental Quality Center, Inc.

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Public Service Commission
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RE: Comments Regarding NYSERDA Case 05-M-0090
System Benefit Charge (SBC)

To Whom It May Concern –

This letter is being written in support of NYSERDA Case 05-M-0090, the Systems Benefits Charge III. On behalf of the New Year Indoor Environmental Quality Center, I wish to express our organization's interest and concern regarding the continuation of the SBC for NYSERDA for an additional five years. Our organization interacts with over one hundred New York State based companies each year. From those interactions, it is clear that NYSERDA programs such as the New Year Energy Smart Program and the Energy Star Program are extremely valuable to the community. Rather than eliminated, such programs should be expanded as their merits are truly valued by the companies and individuals that they serve.

While energy cost savings are a major factor behind these programs, our own activities associated with indoor air quality also bear witness to NYSERDA's role in improving human health and safety. We are aware of numerous cases in which Home Performance surveys performed under the EnergyStar program have identified and fixed serious problems associated with improper venting of natural gas appliances, improvements to ventilation and other indoor environmental quality factors. These activities have had a significant and direct impact upon the health and safety of the occupants served. Such "value" transcends cost savings and addresses the more urgent issues of public service, quality of life and public safety.

We are also associated with numerous NYSERDA sponsored projects to introduce new energy saving (and safer) technology into the general public. Without such programs, the development and introduction of new products and services would be seriously delayed, as NYSERDA serves as a unique catalyst and facilitator for such technology. This role is nationally recognized, bring credit and praise to the foresight of both NYSERDA and the Empire State as a whole.

Therefore, please add our organizational support to the request to continue the Systems Benefits Charge program for NYSERDA.

Respectfully,

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