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Jaclyn A. Brillling, Secretary
NYS Department of Public Service
NYSERDA
17 Columbia Circle
Albany, NY 12203

Dear Ms. Brillling:

I am writing to give my support to continuing the System Benefit Charge (SBC) Program. A five year extension time frame seems appropriate so that the goals and objectives of the program are constantly monitored and updated to meet the current needs.

This program has been helpful to our dairy by providing funds to enable us to look at energy use and our manure stream as a way to benefit the environment as well as the economic security of our farm. We believe in the goal of "providing a funding source for public policy initiatives in alternative energy sources that would not be possible otherwise. New York State's initiative to provide up to 20% of the energy from alternative sources is greatly enhanced by the SBC program.

My experience with NYSERDA is that the program is well run and easily adaptable to the constant changes of the real world.

Sincerely

Constance Patterson
President

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