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Ms. Jaclyn A. Brillling
Secretary
New York State Public Service Commission
3 Empire State Plaza
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Dear Ms. Brillling:

I am writing to voice my strong support for continued funding of the Systems Benefit Charge Program as administered through NYSERDA.

Rupprecht & Patashnick Co., Inc. is the world leader in particulate monitoring instrumentation with over 100 employees located near Albany. As a recipient of funding through the Environmental Monitoring, Evaluation and Protection (EMEP) Program, I can vouch for the great benefit the program has produced both for my company and for the economic (as well as the environmental) benefit to the State of New York. The program for which we received support resulted in a major breakthrough in the monitoring of fine particulate matter in ambient air. This development led to a new, commercially successful product which has gained widespread acclaim and is now being sold throughout the world. The funding through the NYSERDA EMEP program was vital to its success.

As an additional note, I wish to express the high esteem we hold the NYSERDA staff members with whom we have had the good fortune to work. These are dedicated individuals of high professional caliber who have run the EMEP program with a commitment to the highest standards.

If I can be of further help in helping your evaluation, please contact me.

Sincerely,

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