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

Re: System Benefit Charge Renewal

Dear Ms. Brillling,

I am submitting this letter to you in support of the NYS Public Service Commission (PSC) System Benefit Charge (SBC) renewal, and of the New York State Energy Research and Development Authority (NYSERDA) projects that are funded through the SBC. In particular, I believe that the Environmental Monitoring, Evaluation, and Protection (EMEP) and the Renewable Energy programs should be continued at or above their current funding levels.

Linking science and policy, which is **EMEP's mission**, is a worthy and necessary objective. Not only is cutting edge science relating to air pollution resulting from electricity generation **funded** through this **program** but also the results are made available to a wide audience. The outreach and **communication** materials being produced by the EMEP program will further the goal of informing decision makers, policy analysts and the general public about the state of the science and how these findings can lead to improved legislation for the benefit of New York State residents' health and the state of the environment. By providing scientific results to the public in easily accessible forms (**e.g.**, fact sheets, **website**, conferences and easy to read reports) constructive discussion can ensue to everyone's benefit.

In addition, the increase in wind energy development expected under New York State's recently approved Renewable Portfolio Standard (RPS) requires further study of this field and authorization of funding for program expansion - to allow New York to combine its high goals of renewable energy production with leadership in wind energy research. To this end, additional studies on the impacts (both positive and negative) of wind **farm** development, and the assembly of proper tools for **communities** that will be faced with these potential new program developments are essential.

In summary, as a resident, a passionate supporter of environmental issues, and a **NYS** ratepayer, I would like to see a continuation of the SBC and the programs its funding supports.

Sincerely,



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