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

Dear Ms. Brillling:

Action for a Better Community, Inc. (ABC), founded in 1965, is the community action agency serving low income families in Monroe and Ontario Counties. ABC is proud to have been a weatherization sub-grantee for over 25 years averaging approximately 250 homes a year for the last 5 years, and now the Project Coordinator for the Genesee Regional Energy Services Team of NYSERDA's *New York Energy SmartSM* programs. Many members of the Rochester community benefit from the programs supported by NYSERDA Residential Energy Conservation Programs. ABC realizes the tremendous value of the System Benefits Charge (SBC), and with respect to CASE 05-M-0090, recommends the following:

- 1) continuation of the SBC (i.e. SBC #3) for an additional five years encompassing July 1, 2006 to June 30, 2011 to allow these programs to mature, better enable them to serve more members in our communities, and develop the skills necessary to continue this service after the **funding** period has elapsed.
- 2) increase **funding** above the \$150 million level. Increased competition in the market has made it challenging to provide services at prices that low to middle income people can afford. Therefore, additional funding would reduce aggregate cost and allow providers to decrease prices.

Sincerely,



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