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Secretary
New York State Public Service Commission
3 Empire State Plaza
Albany, New York 12223-1350

To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing to express our full support for the continued funding of SBC III programs. Specifically, we are in support of the funding that impacts residential energy conservation programs. We are providing this information in regards to Case 05-m-0090.

We would request that the following warrant some consideration.

- Extend the current time frame beyond the five years to perhaps up to ten years to allow the programs to expand and mature
- Increase the funding for the residential side of the programs. A 50150 funding split between residential and commercial would be a great improvement
- Increase the funding for the low income programs to at least 15-20%
- Expand the programs to include a program for residential Natural Gas customers
- Increase the funding level above the 150 million level

The low-income residential energy conservation programs are extremely important to the customers we serve. During these trying economic times, and considering the spiking fuel costs, we must recognize that our low-income families will be hit the hardest. For some low-income families the sharp jump in heating prices could mean choosing whether to eat, address their health needs, or keep warm. Any additional funding to help reduce their energy consumption significantly contributes to a solution that will benefit these households for years to come.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Sue Bozman".

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The Steuben Council on Addictions
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