

## CAPCO - Weatherization

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Jaclyn A. Brillling, Secretary  
New York State Public Service Commission  
3 Empire State Plaza  
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RE: Case 05-M-0090

Dear Sir:

The SBCII funding has been a very important part of the energy conservation effort supplied to the constituents of Cortland County. Many participants have contacted us to tell us of the positive impact of the various programs on their energy consumption and costs.

It is important that SBCIII is implemented, the benefits are obvious. The program could be improved, however by extending the time frame **from** five years to ten years. This would give agencies time to structure a system that could deliver measures with the assurance that the program would remain in effect long enough to support the investment of personnel and associated costs.

The funding for the residential side should be increased to 50%. This is justifiable in that the greatest benefit to citizens and conservation can be accomplished by treating residential houses. The low income population is more likely to live in substandard housing stock which can benefit immensely from Weatherization measures.

Included in SBCIII should be a similar program linked to natural gas customers. Too many homes are not insulated or air sealed due to the immediate expense in having the work performed by a qualified contractor.

The **EmPower NY** Program uses SBC funding to provide electrical usage reduction measures to National Grid & NYSEG clients. Although both programs fall under the **EmPower NY** Program, customers are treated very differently. The acceptance into the Afford Ability Program is much more restrictive, as is service provided, than the NYSEG Power Partners. Both utility clients should be treated equally using SBC funds. NYSEG Power Partners should be the template for the entire **EmPower NY** Program.

Sincerely,



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