

October 14, 2005

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

Dear Secretary Brillling:

Landsberg Engineering, P.C. is pleased to see that staff recommended a continuation of System Benefit Charges. However, we were somewhat disappointed that the level of funding for the next five years is the same as the past five years. Given inflation, that is a decrease in funding.

It is my opinion that the citizens of New York State are in serious trouble. I have been an energy consultant for 30 years and worked all over the world. When you go outside of New York City and a few small areas such as Tech Valley, the socio-economic situation of our citizens is no better than those in Louisiana or Mississippi. However, our citizens are saddled with higher taxes and unlike folks in the south, they have to heat their homes and businesses.

Katrina was just a small sample of what is in store for us with regard to energy costs in the coming years. Higher prices will hit our citizens and businesses particularly hard. After 32 years without a serious national energy policy our state has no choice but to go it alone. I therefore urge an increase in SBC funding so that we can deal with this issue in an effective manner before the cost of energy doubles again.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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