



New York State Weatherization Directors' Association

A Partner with the New York State Community Action Association, &
The Association for Energy Affordability

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Comments regarding Case 05-M-0090

Dear Sirs:

I feel strongly, in light of recent price increases in energy costs and the news of possible huge increases in the future, that it is important for the Commission to consider the SBC III funding for Case 05-M-0090 as follows:

- I would like to see the time frame extended from 5 years to perhaps as much as 10 years to give the programs time to mature
- Increase the funding for residential energy conservation programs and perhaps have a 50/50 split between residential and commercial since the collection from multi family buildings is counted as commercial.
- Increase the amount for the Low Income programs to perhaps 15% of the total funding
- Include a program for Natural Gas in the residential sector
- Increase the funding to perhaps \$200 million annually

In addition, since the skills for Whole House Energy Conservation are complex, I would ask the commission to allow for a portion of the **funds** to be used for training. Both the NY Weatherization staff and the private contractors involved in the residential programs require training. New York has a need for high quality training centers to train the next generation of workers doing energy conservation work in our residential sector.

Thank You

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