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Jaclyn A. Brillling
Secretary
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Re: SBC 3 Testimony

Dear Ms. Brillling:

Amount – we believe that the SBC program should be reauthorized at an amount above \$150,000,000 per year, which is appropriate and necessary in light of increased energy costs and concerns about access to sources of supply, both issues appear to be with us for the foreseeable future.

Term – we believe that a term of eight years makes sense, as it matches the existing life of the SBC program (as implemented in its first and second rounds) and enables strategic investments to be made that would help to secure New York State's energy future at an affordable cost.

Allocation – we believe that an "energy safety net" is a critical need that the SBC must address, especially in light of current energy cost and supply issues, and therefore would support 20% of SBC resources being allocated to activities designed to benefit low income New Yorkers.

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