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

Re: Case 07-M-0548; Energy Efficiency Portfolio Standard

Dear Secretary Brillling:

On behalf of the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation, (“Department”), I submit comments pursuant to the “fast track” options requested for the above-captioned proceeding.

- 1) The Department is in general agreement with the options outlined in the PSC Staff Preliminary Proposal for Energy Efficiency Program Design and Delivery. We are especially supportive of the recommendations that provide for an acceleration of currently available products, such as compact fluorescent lamps (CFLs). The Department is working expeditiously on developing effective disposal and recycling programs for CFLs. We also support the idea of enhancing shelf placement for these products.
- 2) Removing market barriers to efficiency initiatives through such programs as decoupling and net metering should be a high priority.
- 3) Interest in energy conservation and climate change is at a high with the announcement of Al Gore’s Nobel Prize. We should take advantage of this through our educational programs with the public.
- 4) Place the Green Building Energy Tax Credit program on the fast track once its regulations are complete.

- 5) Utilize SEQRA to evaluate and minimize energy usage in projects involving state permits and approvals. In line with that, the Department will soon release a draft regulation on the New York CO2 Budget Trading Program. Other related actions regarding climate change and the State Environmental Quality Review Act will be proposed.

Thank you for this opportunity to comment.

Sincerely Yours,

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