

December 19, 2008

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

Re: Case 07-M-0548. Proceeding on Motion of the Commission Regarding an Energy Efficiency Portfolio Standard

Dear Secretary Brillling:

The New York State Energy Research and Development Authority (NYSERDA) seeks permission to file this supplement to the Workforce Development section of the 90-day Program Administrator Proposal, filed on September 22, 2008 in the above-referenced proceeding. This supplement incorporates the recommendations and increased budget contained in the Final Report of the Workforce Development and Training Working Group (Working Group VII) submitted on October 12, 2008. If approved, this revision would enable NYSERDA to develop and provide energy efficiency skills training to low-income populations (e.g., basic skills training, technical training, career ladders and on-the-job training) and provides \$6 million in additional funding (beyond that originally requested by NYSERDA in its 90-day filing) for that purpose. This additional funding will be leveraged to support State energy efficiency workforce development initiatives targeted at economically and environmentally disadvantaged communities.

The EEPS Working Group VII found that the most effective method for investing EEPS workforce development projects in economically and environmentally-disadvantaged communities is to leverage EEPS funds to increase State agency and community-based organization initiatives that market and recruit residents for training and employment in energy efficiency projects in these communities. EEPS Working Group VII also determined that the most effective means to accomplish this would be to supplement NYSERDA's workforce development funding request, as proposed in its EEPS 90-day submission, by \$6 million in order to adequately address these additional elements.

This recommendation recognizes that the demand for labor to successfully implement the EEPS will require the sourcing and development of the pre-certification skills of low-income populations, and aligns with Governor Paterson's "pathway out of poverty" priority under the Renewable Energy Task Force and the Environmental Justice Interagency Task Force.

The Supplement consists of the following, which would appear as an insert under Subsection 2.1 of Section V.2. (Workforce Development). In addition, the additional funding is reflected in a new Table V-1 (contained in Section V) and Table II-1 (contained in Section II), both of which are enclosed.

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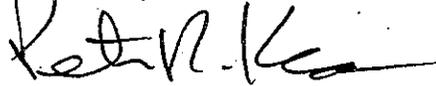
Creating opportunities for individuals in economically and environmentally disadvantaged communities to work in jobs that pay family-sustaining wages is a priority in New York State. This priority is articulated in the recommendations of the Governor's Renewable Energy Task Force and the Environmental Justice Interagency Task Force.

Training and job placement for residents in economically and environmentally disadvantaged communities is relevant and necessary. EEPS target reductions from dense urban settings are in many cases economically and environmentally disadvantaged communities. The individuals in these communities represent an emerging worker capacity (i.e., supply of labor) that will be needed to achieve the EEPS goals. In addition, people in economically and environmentally disadvantaged communities are in many cases disconnected from the workforce. The wages these individuals earn through the jobs created by advancing the goals of the EEPS (labor demand) represent a significant source of economic development in their communities.

NYSERDA will target \$6.0 million over three years to partner and leverage workforce development and training activities of State Agencies and community-based organizations to strengthen the State's ability to draw upon the State's potential labor supply in economically and environmentally disadvantaged communities. This funding would significantly expand NYSERDA's effort to address basic skills training.

Copies of this supplement have been served on the active parties via e-mail.

Respectfully submitted,



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