

# Increasing the Benefits From The System Benefits Charge

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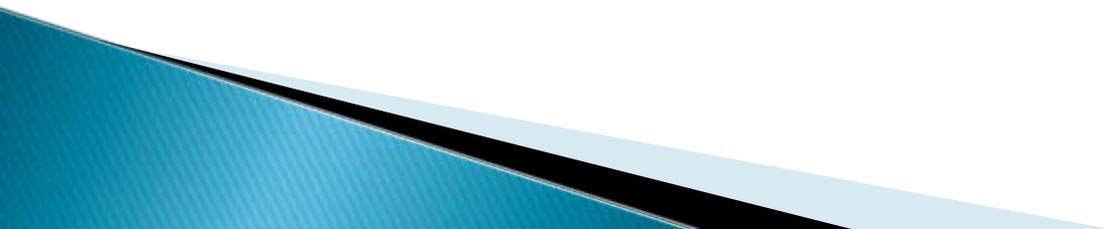
# Background

- ▶ Scudder Parker, VEIC, introduced the concept of “Geo Targeting”
  - ▶ Directing energy efficiency efforts toward targeted geographic areas to help relieve the electric load on constrained transmission and distribution systems
  - ▶ Reducing load on constrained circuits can defer electric system infrastructure investments – a benefit to all customers
  - ▶ “Geo Targeting” is in reality “circuit targeting”
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# Current Situation In NH

- ▶ The SBC is a uniform charge on every retail kilowatt-hour sold in NH (~\$20 M annually)
  - ▶ Supports energy efficiency programs for residential and business customers
  - ▶ Reduces energy use and electric circuit capacity requirements – RANDOMLY
  - ▶ Geo Targeting has the potential to provide another benefit: deferring investments to upgrade heavily loaded circuits.
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# Why Not Target?

- ▶ 374–F:4 – Targeted conservation and load management programs and incentives that are part of a strategy to minimize distribution costs shall be included in the distribution charge, and not included in a system benefits charge.
  - ▶ Why not use the distribution charge to target?
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# Potential Next Steps

- ▶ EE&SE Board recommendation
  - ▶ Introduce legislation to allow the use of SBC funds to implement Geo Targeting
  - ▶ Current legislative session?
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