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## Public Utility Commissioners:

As you know I have been a strong supporter for the Laidlaw Berlin Biomass project because of the tremendous economic opportunity it offers. For too many years now the hard working families in the North Country have suffered due to the decline in the pulp and paper industry and this project offers real hope. Folks are ready to get back to work and this project is ready to hire them. This project will also lead the way as New Hampshire moves towards its renewable energy goal of 25% by 2025 and thereafter. I urge you to approve this Power Purchase Agreement without hesitation so the "City that Trees Built" can start to rebuild itself.

Raymond S. Burton Executive Councilor

Susan Connolly on behalf of Exec. Councilor Raymond Burton 2/8/11 S2C