

State of New Hampshire

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

CONCORD

New Hampshire Public Utilities Commission Concord, New Hampshire RE: Docket DE 10-195 March 1, 2011

Dear Director Howland;

I am again writing concerning the petition of Public Service Company of New Hampshire (PSNH) for approval of a Power Purchase Agreement with the Laidlaw Berlin BioPower, LLC power plant in Berlin, New Hampshire.

During your deliberations, I urge the Public Utilities Commission (PUC) to consider the public when making its decision. The PUC needs to be fair to all parties, but expedient as well, since any further delays in moving forward with the power plant will only continue to harm an already difficult economy for the people trying to make a living in New Hampshire's North Country. It is for this reason that I have an interest in the outcome of this proceeding.

I am fully aware that those who have intervened in this proceeding have had varied interests, including one on behalf of New Hampshire's state wide rate payers, and another as a former project competitor, Clean Power Development. CPD, in its closing statement, now supports the Power Purchase Agreement between Laidlaw and Public Service, quoting: "CPD feels that the commission can find that this project should be granted a PPA, as it is in the public interest."

I am writing with concerns for the livelihoods of those most closely connected to whatever project moves forward in the Berlin area. The economy of New Hampshire is delicate, but in the North Country it is near the breaking point. The Laidlaw Berlin BioPower, LLC plant is the seed necessary to provide an economic ripple effect that helps not only ratepayers in the north, but all aspects of the regional economy.

Should the PUC impose conditions on either party in its final decision, those conditions should not be deal breakers.

Very truly yours,

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