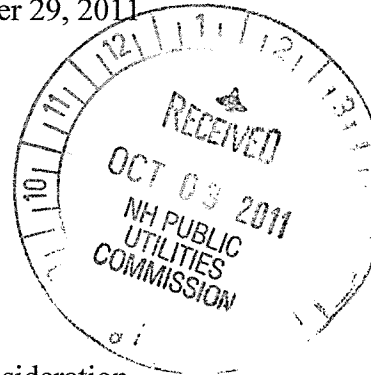


Ms. Debra A. Howland  
Executive Director and Secretary  
New Hampshire Public Utilities Commission  
21 South Fruit Street, Suite 10  
Concord, NH 03301-2429

September 29, 2011



Re: Docket# DE 11-184

Dear Secretary Howland:

The purpose of this letter is to show my support for the agreement under consideration that allows the construction of the proposed new biomass power plant in Berlin and the continued successful operation of the existing biomass power plants. I am the owner of a small company who has served the forest products industry in the northeast since 1966. Over those four plus decades I have been involved in providing equipment for in-woods chipping operations, stationary chip plants and saw mills. Through those years of experience I have learned that our forests include a big range of fiber quality, hence value. Chipping low-value trees and tops of higher-value trees is critical to continually upgrade our forest stands and provide profitable logging and milling operations. Consequently integrated operations that produce whole-tree chips are critical to job retention in our forest products industry.

The continuation of the existing independent power producers and the addition of the new Berlin plant, all utilizing low-grade fiber are critical businesses to the economy of New Hampshire. They obviously also provide significant improvement toward more renewable electrical energy generation, perpetuate existing jobs and create new jobs for the new volumes of fiber needed.

The agreement under consideration is a win for the state of New Hampshire considering forest health, the state's economy, renewable energy generation and net rate-payer, long-term benefit. For these reasons I recommend your approval of the proposed agreement.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Scott Piper".

Scott Piper, President  
Northeast Mill Services, Inc.