

I am Steven Walker, President and CEO of New England Wood Pellet LLC. We are the largest manufacturer of wood pellet fuel in the northeastern US. I would like to request the opportunity to make brief comments at the June 23, 2006 Energy Forum.

Specifically, I would like to address four issues:

1) New Hampshire needs to adopt a more aggressive policy to promote the development of a renewable energy industry. We support implementation of a Renewable Portfolio Standard. Such a standard should provide incentives not only for the generation of electricity from renewable fuels, but also the production of thermal energy. I would like to recommend the inclusion of a thermal component in RPS legislation that is currently under study by the legislature, and will be prepared to discuss at least two approaches to achieve this.

2) New Hampshire energy policy needs to encourage the development of small-scale high efficiency distributed power, particularly from renewable energy sources. I firmly believe that the solution to meeting New England's growing energy demand does not lie solely in the expansion of large-scale central generating facilities, but in the widespread encouragement and development of smaller-scale distributed power strategically located across the grid. I would like to share several recommendations at the Forum relative to this issue.

3) New Hampshire energy policy needs to encourage and reward technological advances in energy efficiency. In my judgment, there has been very little technological advancement in improved efficiency in electric power generation in recent decades. This is a research and development challenge, but it is also an implementation challenge. I have several recommendations on how state government and the private sector can work together to reward improved efficiency in electric power generation and space heating.

4) Finally, New Hampshire state government needs to be a leader and early adopter of efficient energy technology and renewable energy systems. State government is the largest energy consumer in New Hampshire. Progress has been made through Governor Lynch's executive order, but much more can and should be done. I support legislation that will require all branches of state government to install high efficiency heating and cogeneration systems that are determined to be cost competitive with conventional systems.

I look forward to sharing specific recommendations at the June 23 Energy Forum.

Sincerely,

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