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To: PUC
Subject: Docket #DE 10-195 and letter not attached (8/12/10)

To Whom It May Concern,

I want to thank you for posting my comments regarding docket #DE 10-195 on your web site. However, you forgot to include the text of my letter to the PUC which was attached to the original email memo. I respectfully request that you update your records (and the web site) to include this letter. The text of my letter is listed below.

Thanks in advance
Sean Brungot

An Open Letter to the Public Utilities Commission,

I am writing to the NH PUC as a concerned electric rate payer in the State of NH. It has recently been announced by PSNH that they have come to terms with Laidlaw Berlin Biopower on a 20 year power purchase agreement for the total output of Laidlaw's proposed biomass plant in Berlin, NH. Let me first say that I am a citizen of Berlin who has been watching the proceedings here very closely over the last two years. Having said that, I have one major concern with respect to this PPA; is this the least cost alternative for renewable energy in Northern NH?

As you are probably aware, there are two competing companies with proposals to build biomass plants in Berlin NH; Laidlaw and Clean Power Development. PSNH has made it perfectly clear that they have not yet even discussed the terms of a PPA with Clean Power. According to PSNH, they don't want to talk to Clean Power because (to quote a PSNH representative), "Mr. Liston is a very bad man". In my personal opinion this is an outrage to electric rate payers in the State of NH. When did PSNH get to decide which new power generating plants can & cannot be built in the State of NH? How do they know which plant would provide the cheapest renewable power to the people of NH?

More to the point, it has become clear to most people locally that the construction of one of these plants will preclude the construction of the other plant due largely in part to limited grid capacity and limited wood supply. Thus, it is my sincere opinion that prior to approval of the PPA between PSNH & Laidlaw the PUC must ask PSNH the following questions; "Have you reviewed Clean Power's competing biomass plant & proposal to determine if they can sell you renewable power at a cheaper price?". If PSNH cannot answer this question or says that they have not evaluated Clean Power's proposal then I believe the PUC (as a protector of electric rate payers in NH) has a distinct obligation to deny approval of the PPA. **Obviously we as electric rate payers have a right to know that PSNH is purchasing renewable power at the lowest possible price.**

I sincerely hope that you agree. I thank you for taking the time to review & consider my concerns.

Sincerely,
Sean Brungot
A concerned electric rate payer