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Ms. Deborah Howland
Executive Director & Secretary
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21 South Fruit Street, Suite 10
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Re: Docket DE 10-195

Dear Ms. Howland:

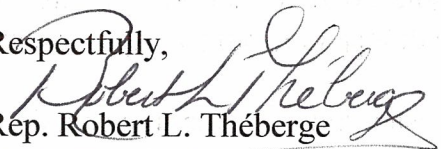
I am writing to express my support for Public Service of New Hampshire's (PSNH's) proposed agreement to purchase power from Laidlaw Berlin BioPower LLC (Laidlaw).

As a member of the New Hampshire General Court, I have long supported the legislature's policy of encouraging the expansion of renewable energy within the state of New Hampshire. Furthermore, as a State Representative of the city of Berlin, I am well aware of the need for the economic benefits associated with biomass as a source of energy in the city and within the region. Given the economic challenges facing the State, and especially Coös County, this contract is an attempt to move the state closer to achieving its renewable energy goals, while maximizing the creation of jobs, both directly and indirectly.

I firmly believe that this contract will provide a jump start for other economic renewable energy projects in New Hampshire. As a proponent of the state's law to mandate the purchase of renewable energy by the state's utilities, I encourage the NH Public Utilities Commission (NHPUC) to fairly review the Laidlaw proposal while considering the benefits not only to PSNH's customers, but to the economics of the region.

I thank you in advance for your time and consideration regarding the above proposal.

Respectfully,


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