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Ms. Deborah Howland
Executive Director & Secretary
NHPUC
21 South Fruit Street, Suite 10
Concord, NH 0330 1-2429

Re: DocketDE 10-195

Dear Ms. Howland:



I write you today to voice my opposition of the proposed Power Purchase Agreement (PPA) between Public Service of New Hampshire (PSNH) and Laidlaw Berlin BioPower LLC (LBB). In my capacity as a Ward 4 Councilor for the City of Berlin this letter of opposition to the PPA also represents the feelings of many of my constituents who have expressed to me their opposition to the PPA and the proposed Laidlaw project as a whole. After review of the proposed PPA now in front of the PUC it is my opinion and that of many of my constituents who are also PSNH customers that this PPA is not in the best interest of PSNH ratepayers. The proposed PPA between PSNH and LBB does nothing to assure PSNH ratepayers the lowest possible price based on competitive pricing. It is common knowledge that PSNH has refused to discuss a possible PPA with Clean Power Development who is also proposing a biomass plant in Berlin. If the PUC grants PSNH permission to enter into this PPA with LBB, PSNH ratepayers will likely never be assured the lowest possible cost for power going forward. Additionally, many are of the opinion that should the proposed PPA be approved by the PUC it could have a lasting detrimental impact on many PSNH customers who are already struggling to pay their electric bills in these difficult economic times. This also includes business owners who could potentially be forced to close their doors due in part to out of control rising electric rates, which this PPA would allow. The negative impact of an approved PPA to the citizens of the North Country could be devastating and have a lasting negative impact on an already struggling North Country economy. If this PPA were approved by the PUC it would also signify to New Hampshire citizens that their concerns and interests carry little or no weight regarding matters under PUC review. It is my sincere hope and those of the constituents who have asked me to represent their position that the PUC will deny the proposed PPA and require PSNH to negotiate in good faith for the best interest of their customers, not just their investors.

Sincerely,

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