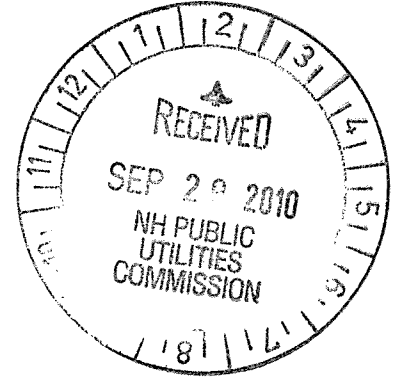


City of Berlin, NH
City Manager's Office



September 28, 2010

New Hampshire Public Utilities Commission
21 South Fruit Street, Suite 10
Concord, NH 03301-2429



RE: DE 10-195

Dear New Hampshire Public Utilities Commission:

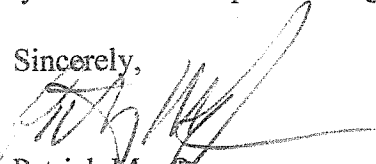
This letter is written on behalf of the Mayor and City Council of the City of Berlin. At their meeting on Monday, September 27, 2010, on a vote of 5-3, the Mayor and Council voted to provide you with this letter in support of PSNH's Petition to the PUC for Approval of a Power Purchase Agreement between PSNH and Laidlaw Berlin BioPower, LLC (DE 10-195) and to urge the expedited consideration of its petition.

The City of Berlin is by far the most economically distressed city in the state. It desperately needs the enterprise, jobs and tax base that the proposed Laidlaw energy development project will bring to the community. In order to take advantage of close to \$3,000,000 in local community benefits from New Market Tax Credits which have been allocated to the project, final financing must close by November 15, 2010. This financing cannot close without a Power Purchase Agreement.

As the Commission is aware, Laidlaw has just completed what is a 9-month process before the Site Evaluation Committee process. The project is now ready to begin construction. The City fully expects that the PUC will carry out its review process with proper due diligence. The City also respectfully requests that the PUC do everything in its power to streamline that review to make it as rapid as reasonably possible.

The PUC's judicious and timely review of this petition is greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,


Patrick MacQueen
City Manager

cc: Mayor and Council

NEWS RELEASE

FRASER PAPERS TERMINATES AGREEMENT TO SELL NEW HAMPSHIRE PAPER MILL

Toronto, ON (September 28, 2010) – Fraser Papers Inc. (together with its subsidiaries, "Fraser Papers" or the "Company") announced today that it has terminated the agreement to sell its paper mill in Gorham, New Hampshire. The Company announced that the purchaser could not secure sufficient financing to complete the transaction. The Company has begun contacting other parties to determine their interest in acquiring the mill. Fraser Papers also announced that it will close the mill indefinitely while the Company continues its efforts to sell the mill. The Company plans to shut down the Gorham mill indefinitely on or about October 13, 2010, depending upon whether acceptable orders can be obtained. The Company noted that the shutdown is due to current market conditions and is in no way reflective of the outstanding dedication and commitment of the employees at the mill who have worked tirelessly to ensure Fraser Papers' paper products are of the highest quality. In conjunction with the anticipated shutdown of the of the Gorham mill, Fraser Papers has provided notice to the employees of the Gorham mill under the Worker Adjustment and Retraining Notification ("WARN") Act. Fraser Papers remains under creditor protection pursuant to the provisions of the Companies' Creditors Arrangement Act ("CCAA") in Canada and Chapter 15 of the United States Bankruptcy Code in the United States.

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