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September 20, 2010

Ms. Debra A. Howland
Executive Director and Secretary
NH Public Utilities Commission
21 Fruit Street, Suite 10
Concord, New Hampshire 03301



Subject: Letter of concern in regard to the Laidlaw-PSNH Power Purchase Agreement.

Dear Secretary Howland:

I am writing this letter in regards to the Laidlaw-PSNH Power Purchase Agreement. I am currently employed at a small biomass power plant in central NH. This job is everything to me and my family. It provides a stable source of income and benefits in an otherwise unstable economy. Also, it provides some of my friends, who are in the logging industry, a consistent and stable place for them to bring their chips locally.

The Power Purchase Agreement between PSNH and Laidlaw will have a detrimental effect on my, my coworkers, the local economy, and the local loggers in the community. In conclusion, the impact of the PSNH-Laidlaw power purchase agreement will have a significant negative impact on the plant I work at and the other biomass plants in New Hampshire. I am also a rate payer of PSNH and am deeply concerned with the effect that this so called "pass through" clause for wood price will have on the electricity prices that I must pay.

In conclusion, I see no benefit to a plant this size being built in the state. I fear it could put me out of work and once unemployed have an increase in my electric bill that I may or may not be able to pay.

Thank you for the opportunity to share my views on the proposed Power Purchase Agreement.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Julie Virgin".

Julie Virgin
Bristol, NH