



October 5, 2010

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

Re: Docket #DE 10-195



Dear Members of the NH Public Utilities Commission:

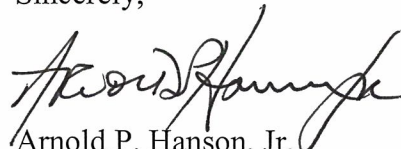
This letter is written to urge the expedited consideration of PSNH's Petition to the PUC for approval of a Power Purchase Agreement between PSNH and Laidlaw Berlin BioPower, LLC.


The City of Berlin, and in fact, the Androscoggin Valley, in general, is engaged in some extremely distressing economic times. We have just learned that the Fraser Paper mill in Gorham will be closing on October 13, 2010. This will have a devastating impact on the region.

It is important that the Laidlaw project go forward sooner than later. The economic impact to the area will be beneficial. Construction costs of \$70 to \$80 million will have a direct effect on the local economy. The project will also provide a long-term economic impact of up to \$44 million annually.

It would be greatly appreciated if the PUC would review this petition in a judicious and timely manner.

Sincerely,


Arnold P. Hanson, Jr.
President


Steven D. Griffin
Senior Vice President

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