



State of New Hampshire

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

CONCORD

Debra A. Howland
Executive Director & Secretary
New Hampshire Public Utilities Commission
Concord, New Hampshire
RE: Docket DE 10-195

January 18, 2011

Dear Director Howland;

I am writing in support of the Purchase Power Agreement between Laidlaw Energy and Public Service Company of New Hampshire.

The agreement has been negotiated and well scrutinized by all parties involved. While it may not be perfect in every way, it does meet the needs of all of the entities and solves several long-standing problems. For citizens here in the North Country the PUC approval of this PPA appears to be the last hurdle for construction and operation of a biomass electric generation facility.

After years of false starts and dashed hopes over projects that never materialized, this plant also represents the end of the line for projects that can create meaningful local employment and bring some stability to the forest products industry throughout the region.

Director Howland, the present status quo is that the paper mills are gone and nothing has taken their place, many loggers are on very low quotas at the existing biomass plants, providers of goods and services have poor business prospects, families are moving out, and our youth seeks employment down state or out of state.

This status quo is simply not tolerable for the well being of the North Country and the State of New Hampshire.

With approval of the Purchase Power Agreement this Laidlaw Energy biomass plant will be a valuable contributor towards the economic revitalization of the entire area while also adding to the New Hampshire based generation mix of reasonably priced electricity, which benefits everyone.

Very truly yours,

Representative Lyle E. Bulis
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