



## CITY OF BERLIN

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RE: DOCKET NUMBER DE-10-195 PSNH PPA

Dear Ms Howland,

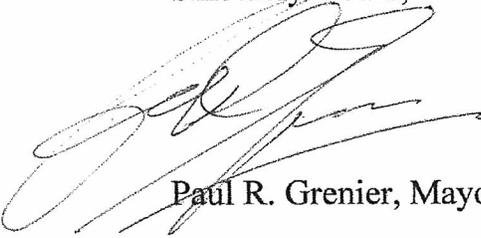
I am sending this request to you in my official capacity as Mayor of Berlin. I understand that the PSNH/Laidlaw Berlin Biopower (DE-10-195) proceedings will move past Tuesday, February 1<sup>st</sup>. If subsequent hearing time is needed to complete testimony on the above matter as it looks likely, I ask the PUC Commission members consider changing the venue to schedule any remaining dates within the City of Berlin.

The Laidlaw Berlin Biopower project has overwhelming support within the community. As you may know the NH EFSEC committee held hearings in Berlin and they received firsthand how the community feels about this important aspect of our city's future. This power plant, once operational, will be the cornerstone of all future job creation within Coos County. The employment statistics in our county are dismal. Furthermore, there are little options for families to find employment. Southern tiered NH community residents can look to Massachusetts to find jobs if their skill sets preclude them from finding jobs locally. In Berlin, that option simply doesn't exist. This project to Berlin means jobs, jobs, jobs. If this project is summarily rejected by serious alterations to the PPA, how much money will ratepayers save if PSNH pays the default charge to comply with RSA 362:F-10. Who wins there? Higher prices with no investment in our future. And Coos County bleeds more...

The families who are directly affected by any PUC decision would certainly like to have an opportunity to witness their futures unfold in front of them. I would be indebted if the PUC Commissioners would give this request serious

consideration. We have multiple venues from within the City to host such hearings.

Sincerely Yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Paul R. Grenier', written over a faint dotted line.

Paul R. Grenier, Mayor

cc Councillor Raymond S. Burton  
Berlin Daily Sun

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