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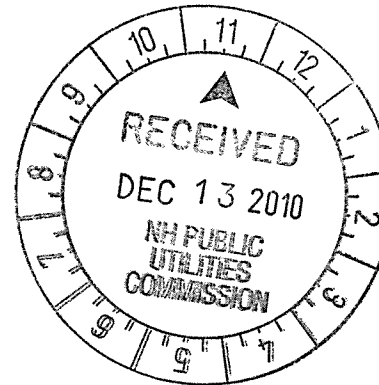
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Debra A. Howland
Executive Director and Secretary
State of New Hampshire
Public Utilities Commission
21 South Fruit Street, Suite 10
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**Petition for Approval of Power Purchase Agreement with
Laidlaw Berlin BioPower, LLC**

Dear Ms. Howland:

On November 30, 2010, the Wood-Fired IPPs objected to the Statement by Mel Liston of Clean Power Development, LLC Regarding the Laidlaw Bio-Power project in Berlin, NH. The Statement was filed by CPD with the Commission on November 18 as Public Comment pursuant to Puc Rule 203.18.

The Wood-Fired IPPs have objected on the basis that an intervenor can only file written testimony subject to discovery and cross-examination, and cannot file Public Comment.

The purpose of Puc Rule 203.18 is simply to offer an opportunity to members of the public to state their position without requiring them to intervene in a proceeding. This does not mean that an intervenor cannot state an opinion through Public Comment

Puc Rule 203.18 does not require an intervenor to offer evidence in the form of testimony. It is quite common in adjudicative hearings before the Commission for intervenors to not offer evidence in the form of testimony. It is the Commission's duty in exercising its fact-finding role to determine what weight to ascribe to any non-evidentiary statement by the intervenor.¹

¹ The rules of evidence do not apply in proceedings before the Commission. Puc Rule 203.23 (c).

Sincerely,

/s/ James T. Rodier

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