

**CONCURRENCE OF CITY OF BERLIN
WITH PSNH'S MOTION TO RESCIND THE GRANT OF
INTERVENOR STATUS TO CONCORD STEAM CORPORATION**

EXHIBIT 1

City of Berlin, NH
City Manager's Office



September 28, 2010

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

RE: DE 10-195

Dear New Hampshire Public Utilities Commission:

This letter is written on behalf of the Mayor and City Council of the City of Berlin. At their meeting on Monday, September 27, 2010, on a vote of 5-3, the Mayor and Council voted to provide you with this letter in support of PSNH's Petition to the PUC for Approval of a Power Purchase Agreement between PSNH and Laidlaw Berlin BioPower, LLC (DE 10-195) and to urge the expedited consideration of its petition.

The City of Berlin is by far the most economically distressed city in the state. It desperately needs the enterprise, jobs and tax base that the proposed Laidlaw energy development project will bring to the community. In order to take advantage of close to \$3,000,000 in local community benefits from New Market Tax Credits which have been allocated to the project, final financing must close by November 15, 2010. This financing cannot close without a Power Purchase Agreement.

As the Commission is aware, Laidlaw has just completed what is a 9-month process before the Site Evaluation Committee process. The project is now ready to begin construction. The City fully expects that the PUC will carry out its review process with proper due diligence. The City also respectfully requests that the PUC do everything in its power to streamline that review to make it as rapid as reasonably possible.

The PUC's judicious and timely review of this petition is greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

Patrick MacQueen
City Manager

cc: Mayor and Council

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EXHIBIT 2

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE
BEFORE THE
NEW HAMPSHIRE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

**Petition for Approval of Power Purchase Agreement with
Laidlaw Berlin BioPower, LLC**

DE 10-195

**PETITION FOR INTERVENTION OF
CONCORD STEAM CORPORATION**

NOW COMES Concord Steam Corporation (Concord Steam) and hereby petitions the New Hampshire Public Utilities Commission for intervention in the above-captioned proceeding pursuant to RSA 541-A:32 and NH Code Admin. Rule Puc 203.17. In support of its Petition for Intervention, Petitioner says the following:

1. On July 26, 2010, Public Service Company of New Hampshire (PSNH) filed a petition for approval of a power purchase agreement (PPA) with Laidlaw Berlin BioPower, LLC (Laidlaw) for the purchase of energy, capacity and renewable energy certificates (RECs) pursuant to RSA 362-F:9. According to the petition, the proposed Laidlaw facility is a biomass fueled renewable energy source and purchases by PSNH will help it meet obligations to purchase renewable power as required by RSA 362-F provided that the Laidlaw facility qualifies to produce Class I (new renewable facility) RECs.

2. According to the filing, Laidlaw is developing a 70 MW name-plate electric power generating station in Berlin designed to use whole tree wood chips as its fuel.

3. Concord Steam is one of a few wood-fired district-heating plants in the world. It provides District Heating service to the downtown Concord, New Hampshire area.

4. Concord Steam has been developing a wood-fired combined heat and power plant in Concord since 2007. The project has all of the necessary permits and approvals and has financing lined up.

5. As a result of the generous above-market pass-through provisions contained in the PPA with PSNH, the Laidlaw project will have a substantial upward impact on the price of wood that Concord Steam will consume at its wood-fired combined heat and power plant in Concord.

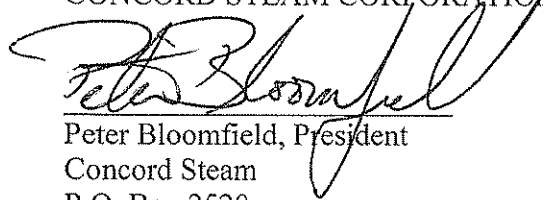
6. In addition, the renewable energy projects that get to deal with PSNH appear to be screened to make sure they fit PSNH's "business model." This state of affairs simply cannot be reconciled with the state law or public policy on renewable energy. PSNH does not seem to have consistent rules or formats with which to consider and evaluate renewable energy projects.

7. In view of the foregoing, Concord Steam has a substantial interest in the issues presented to the Commission in the proceeding

WHEREFORE, Concord Steam hereby respectfully requests the Commission to grant it intervener party status and to order such other and further relief as may be just and equitable.

Dated: September 03, 2010

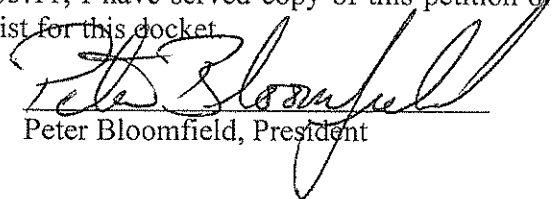
Respectfully submitted,
CONCORD STEAM CORPORATION



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Certification of Service

Pursuant to Rules Puc 203.02(2) and Puc 203.11, I have served copy of this petition on each person identified on the commission's service list for this docket.



Peter Bloomfield, President