



DE 10-195

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

**Office of the Consumer Advocate Responses to
IPP's Data Requests – Set 1**

Date Received: December 28, 2010

Date of Response: January 10, 2011

Request No.: IPPs to OCA 1-1

Witness: Kenneth E. Traum

REQUEST: Mr. Traum estimated cumulative over-market cost of REC's to be \$276 million. See Testimony of Kenneth E. Traum at 6. Does Mr. Traum's estimate account for the fact that there is no New Hampshire RPS requirement after 2025? If not, what would be the effect on Mr. Traum's estimate of accounting for this fact?

RESPONSE: No, my testimony did not account for the fact that the current RPS law does not require RECs after 2025. Assuming that the RPS law is not in effect after 2025, PSNH would not have any need for RECs but under the PPA would be required to purchase them from Laidlaw until 2034. I estimate that the costs during that period would be approximately \$100 million. This amount is in addition to the above-market costs in my testimony.