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February 8, 2011

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RE: Docket # DE-10-195 (Laidlaw Berlin BioPower Project)

Dear Ms. Howland,

This letter is being provided to express full support for the Berlin Laidlaw biomass project and request the PUC's approval of all necessary regulatory requirements. This project is the single greatest opportunity to ignite the depressed economy of the northern half of the state of New Hampshire.

Renewable energy is the single most significant opportunity to grow our economy and provide the much needed jobs of the future. Here in our state we have clean energy resources, such as wind, water and biomass to help supply the growing demand for energy, stimulate the economy and create hundreds of much needed jobs, while preserving the environment.

The Laidlaw biomass project in Berlin will have a huge positive effect on the overall economy by providing approximately 400 construction jobs, 45 jobs at the plant and hundreds of other jobs for loggers, truckers, mechanics, restaurants and other vendors. The City of Berlin has seen a tremendous drop in tax revenue from businesses since the closure of the pulp mill in 2006. The construction and operation of this facility will help relieve the tax burden home owners currently struggle with.

We, in the North Country have faced many severe blows to our economy and jobs over the past 10 years. Hundreds of jobs were lost when Wausau Papers in Groveton was closed, the pulp mill in Berlin another 400 jobs and all the other job loss affected by those closures.

The loss of all those jobs has also hurt the State financially by having to provide unemployment compensation and a host of other social services.

You have a very important decision to make, a decision that could be the turning point for the economy of northern New Hampshire. You can help families get back to work to provide for their families and grow our economy or elect to have those families and communities continue to struggle to provide the basic essentials of life in this great State of New Hampshire.

Please vote to approve the Laidlaw biomass project as quickly as possible, many families and communities are counting on you.

Sincerely yours,



Edward DeBlois,
United Steelworkers Local 75
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PUBLIC COMMENTS IN FAVOR

Jeb Bradley, State Senate

John Gullus, State Senate

Rep. Robert Theberge

Max Makaitis, AVED Director

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Numerous NH Residents

Willis Blevins, GM, Fraser

Pat MacQueen, Berlin City Manager

Arnold Hanson and Steven Griffin, Pres. & VP of Isaacson Steel

Paul Grenier, Mayor

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Max Makaitis, Tri-County Community Action Program



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August 10, 2010

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Ms. Debra A. Howland
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New Hampshire Public Utilities Commission
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RE: Docket DE 10-195

Dear Ms. Howland:

Please accept this letter in support of the proposed purchase power agreement between Public Service of New Hampshire (PSNH) and Laidlaw Berlin BioPower LLC (Laidlaw).

As the New Hampshire Public Utilities Commission is aware, the New Hampshire Legislature has passed several laws to mandate the purchase of renewable energy by New Hampshire utilities. The foundation of this public policy is New Hampshire's Renewable Portfolio Standard (RPS) law, which mandates that New Hampshire electric utilities purchase renewable energy certificates (RECs) from eligible renewable energy facilities. It is my understanding that the agreement between PSNH and Laidlaw includes the purchase of RECs, and largely satisfies PSNH's Class I requirements under the RPS law. Because of this, I believe approval of this purchase power agreement is consistent with the Legislature's intent under the RPS law.

In addition, one of the guiding purposes of the RPS law is that "the use of renewable energy technologies and fuels can also help to keep energy and investment dollars in the state to benefit our own economy". To that end, PSNH's purchase power agreement will provide the economic foundation for the development of a key in-state renewable energy generating facility and will ensure that the economic benefits are maximized by directing renewable energy funds to an in-state project.

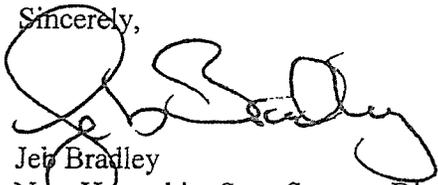
A critical economic benefit of renewable energy development is job creation, and approval of this agreement and development of the Laidlaw project will create hundreds of jobs in northern New Hampshire. According to the economic data developed by Dr. Shapiro, approximately 470 jobs will be created in the construction phase of this project, and approximately 240 jobs will be created to support the operation of the facility and the harvesting of wood fuel. Given that Coos County's unemployment rate far exceeds the

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unemployment rates in other counties and the state's unemployment rate, these jobs are critical to the economic stability and future growth of the region.

Thank you for your consideration of this letter, and I encourage the New Hampshire Public Utilities Commission's support of this contract.

Sincerely,



Jeb Bradley
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RE: Docket DE 10-¹⁹⁵~~195~~



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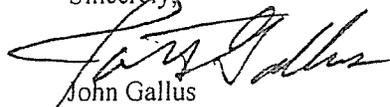
I am pleased to provide this letter in support of the purchase power agreement between Public Service of New Hampshire (PSNH) and Laidlaw Berlin BioPower LLC. I believe this agreement will provide the foundation for the successful development of a key biomass facility in the City of Berlin, and deserves support from the NH Public Utilities Commission.

As a member of the NH State Senate, I have been pleased to support many of the renewable energy laws that have been enacted by the state in recent years. Among these was the creation of a Renewable Portfolio Standard law (RSA 362-F), and the establishment of incentives for utilities to increase their use and investment in renewable power. Consistent with this law, the PSNH/Laidlaw agreement will provide benefits to New Hampshire by supporting in-state renewable energy development and to New Hampshire electric customers by ensuring cost effective access to renewable power.

This purchase power agreement will also provide the foundation for the successful development of this project by securing a market for its energy output and ensuring its long-term financial stability. Because of this, NH PUC approval of the agreement is critical to realizing the tremendous economic benefits associated with the project. Economic estimates by both PSNH and Laidlaw suggest that as many as 470 jobs will be created during the construction phase of this project and approximately 240 jobs will be created or supported through the plants operation and the harvesting of wood to fuel the facility. It can be expected that a majority of these jobs will be created in northern New Hampshire, a region of the state that has seen significant economic hardship and unemployment in recent years.

NH PUC approval of this purchase power agreement is a critical step in realizing the tremendous environmental and economic benefits associated with this project. The citizens of Berlin and northern New Hampshire have worked hard to support the development of the Laidlaw project, and I encourage the NH PUC to support their work by approving this purchase power agreement.

Sincerely,


John Gallus
State Senate District 1

Rep. Robert L. Théberge
Coös District 4

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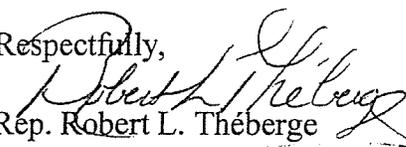
Dear Ms. Howland:

I am writing to express my support for Public Service of New Hampshire's (PSNH's) proposed agreement to purchase power from Laidlaw Berlin BioPower LLC (Laidlaw).

As a member of the New Hampshire General Court, I have long supported the legislature's policy of encouraging the expansion of renewable energy within the state of New Hampshire. Furthermore, as a State Representative of the city of Berlin, I am well aware of the need for the economic benefits associated with biomass as a source of energy in the city and within the region. Given the economic challenges facing the State, and especially Coös County, this contract is an attempt to move the state closer to achieving its renewable energy goals, while maximizing the creation of jobs, both directly and indirectly.

I firmly believe that this contract will provide a jump start for other economic renewable energy projects in New Hampshire. As a proponent of the state's law to mandate the purchase of renewable energy by the state's utilities, I encourage the NH Public Utilities Commission (NHPUC) to fairly review the Laidlaw proposal while considering the benefits not only to PSNH's customers, but to the economics of the region.

I thank you in advance for your time and consideration regarding the above proposal.

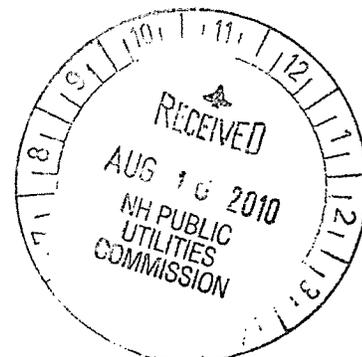
Respectfully,

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As the Chair of the Community EFSEC Advisory Committee, a community advisory committee formed to address the residents' concerns about the Laidlaw project, we reviewed all of the issues raised. All of the issues had manageable solutions and in addition Laidlaw would provide substantial community benefits.

We believe the long-term success of this project will impact the regional economy favorably and will help to sustain and create jobs and move New Hampshire forward in the renewable energy arena. Thank you for your favorable consideration of this very positive and worthwhile project.

Sincerely yours,

Max Makaitis
Androscoggin Valley Economic Development Director

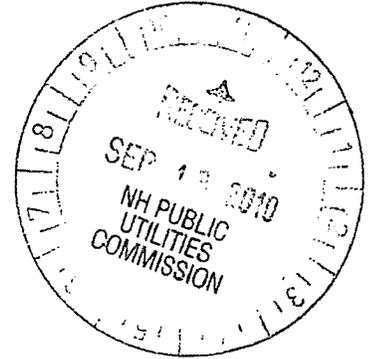


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September 9, 2010



Ms. Deborah Howland
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RE: Docket DE 10-195

Dear Ms. Howland:

I am writing in support of the proposed purchase power agreement between Public Service of New Hampshire and Laidlaw Berlin BioPower LLC. I believe this contract provides benefits to Laidlaw Berlin BioPower, the citizens of northern New Hampshire and customers of PSNH, and I urge the NH Public Utilities Commission to give this matter timely consideration and approval.

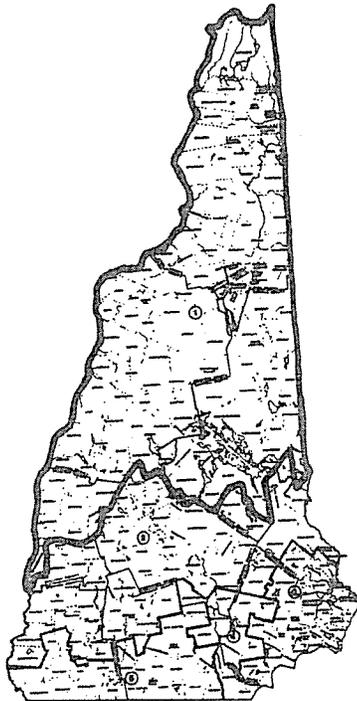
Laidlaw's Berlin biomass project will bring considerable economic benefits to northern New Hampshire in terms of construction jobs, jobs operating the facility and forest jobs providing biomass fuel for the plant. Economic estimates suggest that investments in the project will create approximately 470 direct and indirect jobs during construction of the plant, and it can be anticipated that many of these jobs will be in the Berlin region. In addition, it is estimated that approximately 240 jobs will be supported either directly or indirectly during the operation of this facility. However, approval of the PSNH/Laidlaw purchase power agreement is critical to the successful development of this project and realizing the jobs and economic development opportunities associated with the project.

This agreement will also provide benefits to PSNH's customers by providing a cost effective source of renewable power. The State of New Hampshire has placed a number of requirements on PSNH and other NH utilities mandating the purchase of renewable energy, and this contract is consistent with those mandates. Further, PSNH should be acknowledged for their efforts to support an in-state renewable energy project through this purchase power agreement, and helping facilitate the many economic benefits, specifically NH jobs, associated with this project.

Thank you for your consideration of this letter. Considerable work has been put into this purchase power agreement to ensure value to both parties, and I encourage your support of this contract.

Sincerely,

Raymond S. Burton
Executive Councilor



Towns in Council District #1

CARROLL COUNTY:

Albany, Bartlett, Chatham, Conway, Eaton, Effingham, Freedom, Hart's Loc., Jackson, Madison, Moultonborough, Ossipee, Sandwich, Tamworth, Tuftonboro, Wakefield, Wolfeboro,

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COOS COUNTY:

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Dear Ms. Howland:

The Coös County Commissioners formally voted on September 8, 2010 to urge the Public Utilities Commission to review and approve the PSNH – Laidlaw Berlin Biopower purchase agreement as promptly as possible.

Laidlaw's project financing must close by the end of the year to take advantage of New Market Tax Credits (NMTC) totaling \$43.5 million. As part of the NMTC agreement, Laidlaw has made a commitment to establish a \$500,000 fund that will be directed by the NH CDFR for use in the Berlin area.

Coös County is still reeling from the loss of timber industry jobs due to mill closings in Berlin and Northumberland as well as the closing of Ethan Allen, Inc. which employed over 50% of its workforce from northern Coös County. The jobs that will be created by the Laidlaw Berlin Biopower project are estimated to peak at 300 jobs during the 2 year construction period, with a permanent increase of 40 direct and 200 indirect jobs when complete. Both the short and long term economic impacts of this project will once again infuse this County with much needed life blood from our renewable forests.

Additionally, Laidlaw has agreed to supply hot water to the Fraser Paper Mill in Gorham and it is our goal to keep this "last of the Mohicans" mill open, productive and profitable. Papermaking is an industry that has defined Coös County for over a century and your approval of the power agreement is an essential piece of the Coös County economic structure.

The Laidlaw assets will add to the tax base of Berlin which seriously declined when the Burgess Paper mill was dismantled. Berlin is Coös County's only city and a stronger Berlin means a stronger Coös County.

Once again, we urge you to act favorably on the Laidlaw BioPower, LLC petition for approval of its Power Purchase Agreement with Public Service of New Hampshire.

Sincerely,

Burnham A. Judd
Chairman

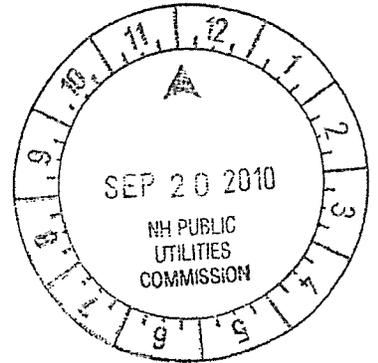
COMMISSIONERS

Dear Commissioners:

As a New Hampshire resident concerned about jobs and the economic future of the North Country, I respectfully ask that you review and approve the PSNH/Laidlaw Power Purchase Agreement (PPA) as quickly as possible. Berlin and the surrounding area is bearing the brunt of the poor economy, and we need both the construction jobs and the long-term employment created by this project. Quick approval of the PPA will help clear the way to creating new jobs before the end of the year. Please do your part for a revitalized North Country economy by approving the PPA without unnecessary delay.

Sincerely,

Sandra Gagnon
124 Boutwell St.
Manchester, NH, 03102



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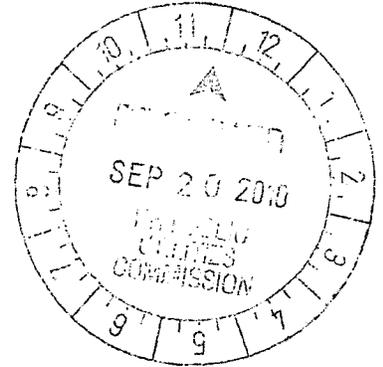
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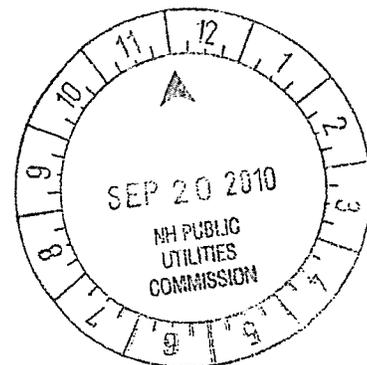
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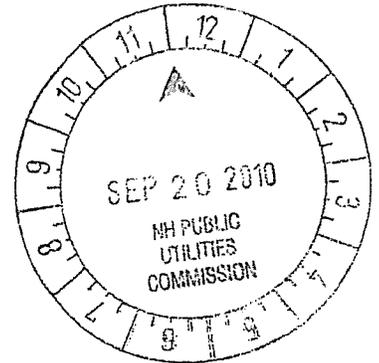


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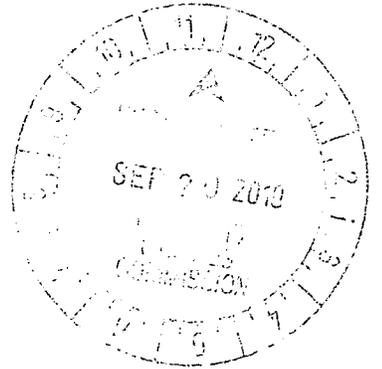
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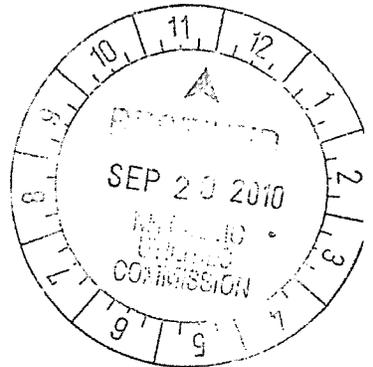
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JOSEPH T. GALLAGHER

176 NORFOLK STREET

MANCHESTER, NH 03103



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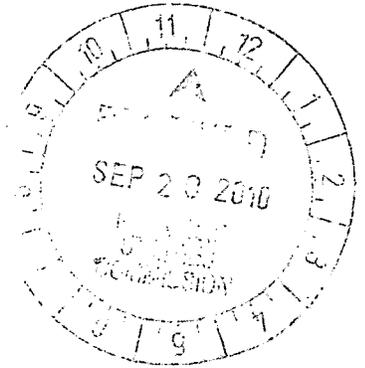
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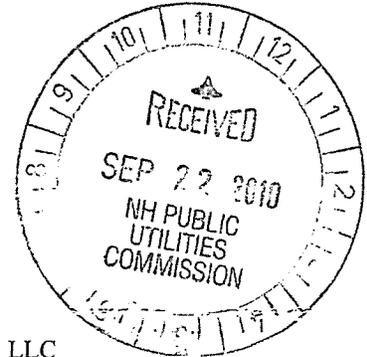
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September 9, 2010

Thomas S. Burack, Chairman
New Hampshire Site Evaluation Committee
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Re: SEC Docket No. 2009-02

Dear Chairman Burack:



This letter is being provided to express full support for the Laidlaw Berlin BioPower, LLC biomass project in Berlin and request the Site Evaluation Committee's (SEC) and the Public Utilities Commission's (PUC) timely approval of all necessary regulatory requirements. The Androscoggin Valley Economic Recovery Corporation (AVER) is extremely supportive of the effort to bring the Laidlaw project to completion for the substantial economic benefits that it would create for the region. This support is contingent on the "City of Berlin Proposed Certificate Conditions" (stipulations) being made a part of the site certificate. We understand that those conditions have been agreed to by the City of Berlin and Laidlaw.

The timely approval of this project by the SEC and PUC, so that it can commence this year, is critical to the realization of substantial federal benefits and community benefits. These potential benefits could be lost in the event of unnecessary procedural delays. They include:

- \$44.5 million in federal New Market Tax Credit Authority
- \$2.25 million of the NMTC as a Community Loan Fund
- \$2.25 million of matching leveraged funds from the Community Loan Fund
- \$250,000 of the NMTC in grants for job, equipment, safety and responsible forestry practices training.
- \$20 million in ARRA Recovery Zone Facility Bond Financing Authority
- \$500,000 City of Berlin, NH Targeted Economic Development Funding

Additional Community benefits include:

- A "River Walk" along the Androscoggin River for community use
- An ATV/Snowmobile trail along Hutchins and Coos Streets
- Landscaping and new fencing
- Sponsorship of local events and social activities
- Plant tours to educate and promote alternative energy
- Low cost thermal energy to the Fraser plant and other collocating businesses.
- Priority hiring of local workers
- Local purchases of biomass
- A community parking lot
- A student intern program to develop alternative energy.

These benefits are too important to our economy and local jobs to be lost and the project jeopardized due to unnecessary procedural delays.

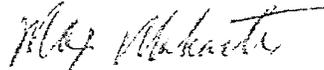
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The Androscoggin Valley and all of Coos County have enormous potential for the development of the renewable alternative energy industry. The Laidlaw biomass project contributes significantly to the orderly development of the alternative energy industry in the region. In order to achieve this economic development, approval by the SEC and PUC is required and AVER is advocating for and supporting such approval.

As the Chair of the Community EFSEC Advisory Committee, a community advisory committee formed to address the residents' concerns about the Laidlaw project, we reviewed all of the issues raised. All of the issues had manageable solutions and in addition Laidlaw would provide substantial community benefits. The City of Berlin and Laidlaw have agreed to a final list of proposed certificate conditions.

We believe the long-term success of this project will impact the regional economy favorably and will help to sustain and create jobs and move New Hampshire forward in the renewable energy arena. Thank you for your favorable consideration of this very positive and worthwhile project.

Sincerely yours,



Max Makaitis
Androscoggin Valley Economic Development Director

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F. Anne Ross
General Counsel
New Hampshire Public Utilities Commission

Please find attached Fraser N.H. LLC's letter of support for the Laidlaw Berlin Biopower Project docket # DE 10-195. A hard copy of the letter will be sent by regular mail on Monday. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me as noted below.

Regards,

Willis Blevins
General Manager
Fraser N.H. LLC
72 Cascade Flats
Gorham, NH 03581

(603) 342-3325 (work phone)
(603) 723-5923 (cell phone)



Fraser N.H. LLC

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September 16, 2010

New Hampshire Public Utilities Commission
21 S. Fruit Street, Suite 10
Concord, NH 03301-2429
Attn: F. Anne Ross, General Counsel

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General Manager
Fraser N.H. LLC

cc: Louis T. Bravakis – Laidlaw Berlin Biopower

DE10-195

Getz, Tom

From: Raymond S. Burton [ray.burton@myfairpoint.net]
Sent: Wednesday, September 29, 2010 5:22 AM
To: Getz, Tom

Chair Getz---

The Laidlaw project for the City of Berlin which has received unanimous o.k. from the SEC has nearly unanimous support through Northern NH.

I hereby urge you and the NH PUC give your approval to proposed rates and allow this project to move forward.

Given the news this morning at 5 AM re; the proposed closing of the Fraser Paper Mill on Gorham I am sure your o.k. would be very welcome in Northern NH.

Regards--

Ray Burton



DE 10-195

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:

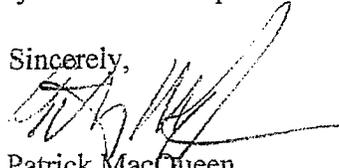
This letter is written on behalf of the Mayor and City Council of the City of Berlin. At their meeting on Monday, September 27, 2010, on a vote of 5-3, the Mayor and Council voted to provide you with this letter in support of PSNH's Petition to the PUC for Approval of a Power Purchase Agreement between 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

NEWS RELEASE

FRASER PAPERS TERMINATES AGREEMENT TO SELL NEW HAMPSHIRE PAPER MILL

Toronto, ON (September 28, 2010) – Fraser Papers Inc. (together with its subsidiaries, "Fraser Papers" or the "Company") announced today that it has terminated the agreement to sell its paper mill in Gorham, New Hampshire. The Company announced that the purchaser could not secure sufficient financing to complete the transaction. The Company has begun contacting other parties to determine their interest in acquiring the mill. Fraser Papers also announced that it will close the mill indefinitely while the Company continues its efforts to sell the mill. The Company plans to shut down the Gorham mill indefinitely on or about October 13, 2010, depending upon whether acceptable orders can be obtained. The Company noted that the shutdown is due to current market conditions and is in no way reflective of the outstanding dedication and commitment of the employees at the mill who have worked tirelessly to ensure Fraser Papers' paper products are of the highest quality. In conjunction with the anticipated shutdown of the of the Gorham mill, Fraser Papers has provided notice to the employees of the Gorham mill under the Worker Adjustment and Retraining Notification ("WARN") Act. Fraser Papers remains under creditor protection pursuant to the provisions of the Companies' Creditors Arrangement Act ("CCAA") in Canada and Chapter 15 of the United States Bankruptcy Code in the United States.

For more information, please visit www.fraserpapers.com or contact:

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DE 10-195

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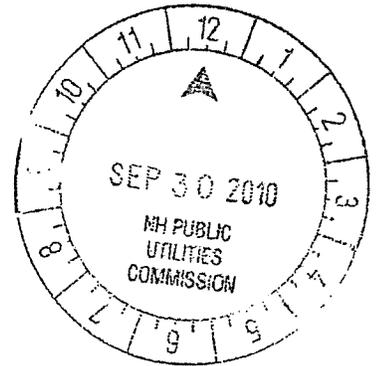
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Sincerely,

Karen Cusson

2110 Candia Rd

Manchester, NH 03109



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Gale Whitehouse

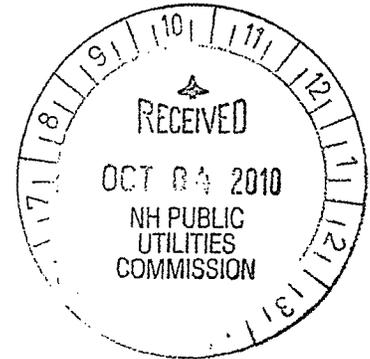
DE 10-195

From: Adrienne S. [mailto:ourwemail@lycos.com]
Sent: Sunday, October 03, 2010 12:29 AM
To: PUC
Subject: Thomas Frantz

Dear Mr. Frantz,

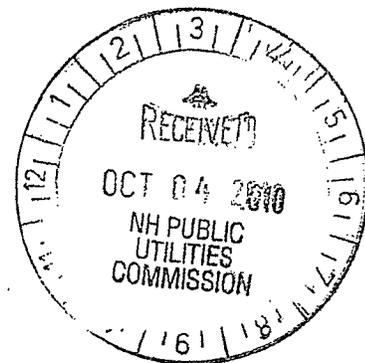
I heard on New Hampshire public radio that your commission is considering for approval the biomass project with Laidlaw energy and I just wanted to voice my support for that project as a citizen it sounds good for jobs and the free market now in this economy could use it as soon as possible.

Sincerely,
David and Adrienne



DE10-195

From: Mike [mailto:mikelaf@ncia.net]
Sent: Monday, October 04, 2010 1:54 PM
To: PUC
Subject: DE 10-195



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Sincerely,

Michael R Laflamme Sr.
Berlin N.H.

DE 10-195

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Sincerely,

Kennedy Kelle
54 Evergreen Ave
Franklin, NH 03235

DE 10-195



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Dean McCann
77 Shawmut st
Concord, NH 03301

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Kevin Wylie

736 White Oak Rd.

Laconia N.H. - 03246

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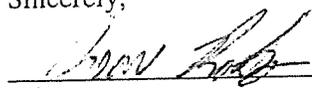
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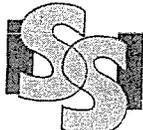
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Structural Steel, Inc.**

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October 5, 2010

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

Re: Docket #DE 10-195



Dear Members of the NH Public Utilities Commission:

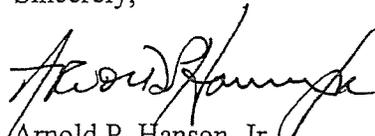
This letter is written to urge the expedited consideration of PSNH's Petition to the PUC for approval of a Power Purchase Agreement between PSNH and Laidlaw Berlin BioPower, LLC.

The City of Berlin, and in fact, the Androscoggin Valley, in general, in engrossed in some extremely distressing economic times. We have just learned that the Fraser Paper mill in Gorham will be closing on October 13, 2010. This will have a devastating impact on the region.

It is important that the Laidlaw project go forward sooner than later. The economic impact to the area will be beneficial. Construction costs of \$70 to \$80 million will have a direct effect on the local economy. The project will also provide a long-term economic impact of up to \$44 million annually.

It would be greatly appreciated if the PUC would review this petition in a judicious and timely manner.

Sincerely,



Arnold P. Hanson, Jr.
President

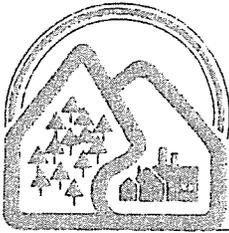


Steven D. Griffin
Senior Vice President

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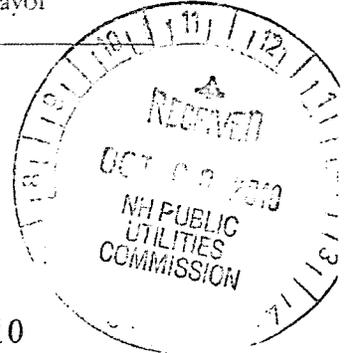
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CITY OF BERLIN

Office of the Mayor

City Hall, Main Street, Berlin, New Hampshire 03570
Telephone (603) 752-2340 TDD 752-1610



NH Public Utilities Commission
21 South Fruit Street, Suite 10
Concord, NH 03301-2429
Docket #DE 10-195

October 6, 2010

Dear PUC Commissioners,

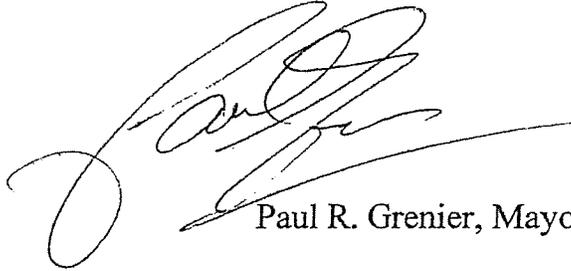
I am writing this letter to you in my official capacity as Mayor of the City of Berlin. First of all, I want to thank you for your service to the citizens of New Hampshire. Issues that you face on a daily basis are difficult and complicated, and interpreting law is never a simple task. I also commend you for conducting the September 29th hearing in a manner that allowed all parties to have their say.

When I presented myself to the voters of Berlin last fall, I made my positions on economic development very clear and concise. I fully supported the proposed Laidlaw Berlin Biopower project in the belief that it is in the very best interest of our citizens. The direct employment opportunities, the enormity of the economic benefits to our local economy in terms wood fuel purchases and procurement would have an immediate longterm favorable impact to all of Coos County. It was an election that saw Berlin's voters agree with my positions on the Laidlaw project by a 60-40% margin. The vast majority of the community can see the obvious benefits, as does most of the elected local and state officials.

The proposed power purchase agreement (PPA) between NH's largest utility, PSNH, and Laidlaw Berlin Biopower, is before you for consideration. It is also the last remaining item for regulatory review. You are tasked with determining if the terms of the agreement are in the best interests of New Hampshire's ratepayers, not competing power producers who will still do very well in NH's unregulated business environment. This review process needs to be diligent and thorough, but in light of the recent announcement that 240 residents and taxpayers jobs are in real jeopardy of being lost, I plead that an expedited decision process takes place.

As you have heard many times before, Coos County has the lowest per capita income in New Hampshire, has the highest county tax burden, has the highest median age of any county in New Hampshire, and traditionally has the highest unemployment rates in the state. This situation was not always the case when a healthy forest industry was dominant in Coos County. Approval of the PSNH PPA is not a cure all. It will take hard work and time to rebuild and reposition Coos County's economy away from total dependance of the forest. But trees will always play an important role. Given the utilities requirements of RSA 362-F and the dire economic realities families in Coos County face every day, I urge you again to approve PSNH's request to purchase power from Laidlaw.

Yours Truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Paul R. Grenier', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Paul R. Grenier, Mayor

Dear Commissioners:

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Sincerely,

Christopher E. Nelson
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CES Logging and Excavation

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Michael P. Della
743 E. River Road
Milan, N.H. 03588

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JAYS, Floyd

Lee NH

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Sincerely,

James K. Kibbe
54 Evergreen Ave
Franklin, NH 03235

DE 10-195

From: Adrienne S. [mailto:ourwemail@lycos.com]
Sent: Monday, December 20, 2010 8:50 PM
To: Ruderman, Jack
Subject: Laidlaw renewable project

To whom it may concern, I feel that the laidlaw project would be very good for the New Hampshire economy, it would create much needed jobs and such businesses need the support of the people to make the economy better, we feel that a recommendation in support of their PPA is warranted. Moving towards renewable energy is better for the environment.

David and Adrienne



DE 10 - 195

From: Raymond S. Burton [<mailto:ray.burton@myfairpoint.net>]
Sent: Sunday, January 09, 2011 5:33 PM
To: Getz, Tom; John Gallus
Subject:

Chair Getz---

I write in support of the Berlin Laidlaw Project.

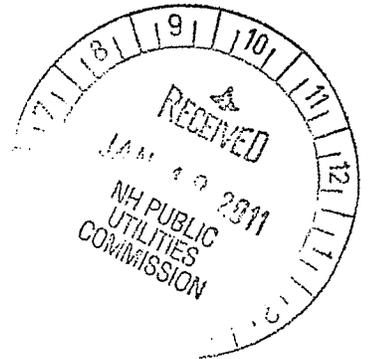
This project has been in play for at least 3-4 years of hearings meetings etc.

It is time to put people to work on this project both at the plant and in the timber industry generating green power by 2025.

Northern New Hampshire is in need of positive action.

I urge your positive response to Laidlaw's Project

Ray Burton



DE 10-195



The Senate of the State of New Hampshire
107 North Main Street, Room 302, Concord, N.H. 03301-4951

JOHN T. GALLUS
District 1

Office 271-3077

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1-800-735-2964

January 11, 2011

Chairman Thomas Getz
New Hampshire Public Utilities Commission
21 S. Fruit St, Suite 10
Concord, N.H. 03301-2429

Re: Laidlaw/PSNH Power Purchase Agreement

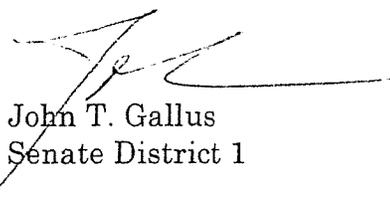
Dear Chairman Getz,

I am urging you to approve the purchase power agreement currently before you at the request of the Coos County Commissioners, the City of Berlin, landowners and loggers of the North Country. The project would certainly help rejuvenate the forest industry. I know the Commissioners at the New Hampshire Public Utilities Commission realize the importance of a revitalized economy in an area of the state that has been devastated with the loss of jobs.

This project not only would create numerous jobs but would breathe life back into the forest industry, put our natural resources to work, and bring us closer to Governor Lynch's goal of 25% of our energy being generated by green power.

Again, I cannot stress how important this project is to the City of Berlin, the forest industry, and the State of New Hampshire. I ask for your consideration and support of the agreement.

Sincerely yours,


John T. Gallus
Senate District 1

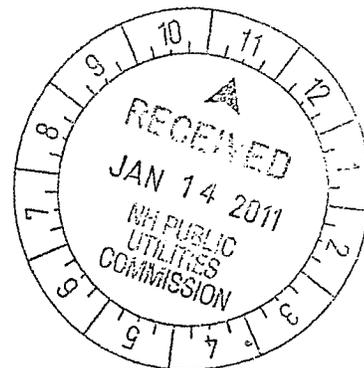
cc: Commissioner Clifton Below
Commissioner Amy Ignatius



January 12, 2011

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

RE: Docket #DE10-195



Dear Sir/Madam:

I am writing in support of the PSNH/Laidlaw Berlin biopower purchase agreement and urge that you review and approve the agreement as expeditiously as possible. This project has currently qualified for \$43.5 million of new market tax credits which includes \$2.5 million that will flow into the City of Berlin and establish a revolving loan fund and direct grants. This is so important for the City of Berlin as well as the economic development that will be realized through the construction of the facility itself. In order for us to realize this revolving grant fund, the financing for this project must be concluded expeditiously. As noted earlier, the economic development is so important as many people realize how hard Coos County and Berlin, in particular, has been hit by the recession and the evolving situation with the paper industry here in the North Country. It is estimated that over 400 jobs will be created during the construction period and, subsequent to that, up to a potential of 225 direct and indirect jobs, which is vital to the redevelopment of Berlin. The monetary flow of \$70-\$80 million of construction costs, as well as the long-term impact, is of utmost importance.

There are other reasons as well that are worthy of mention, including what Laidlaw may do to assist the current paper mill in the community, as well as the stipulation agreements that they have recently concluded with the City of Berlin. Being involved in health care, as Chief Executive Officer of Androscoggin Valley Hospital, I recognize the positive impact this could have on the sustainability of our healthcare system. I again ask you for an expedited decision relative to this project.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Russell G. Keene".

Russell G. Keene
9 Woodward Street
Berlin NH 03570

RGK:mll

DE 10-195



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
Grafton One, Littleton - Lyman

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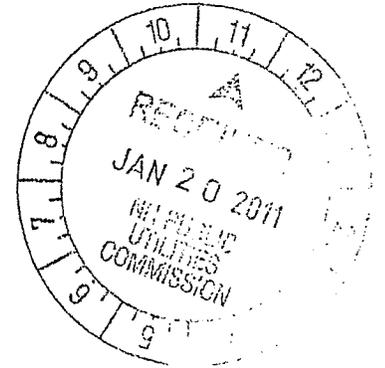
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Executive Director: Lawrence M. Kelly

January 19, 2011

Deborah Howland
Executive Director & Secretary
New Hampshire PUC
21 South Fruit Street, Suite 10
Concord, NH 03301-2429



RE: Docket Number DE-10-195 (Laidlaw Berlin BioPower Project)

Dear Ms. Howland,

This letter is being provided to express full support for the Laidlaw Berlin BioPower, LLC biomass project and request the PUC's approval of all necessary regulatory requirements because it is in the best interest of the State of New Hampshire economy. Right now, more than ever, New Hampshire needs to create jobs and move away from fossil fuels to environmentally beneficial renewable energy alternatives.

Biomass is the single renewable energy source that assures this economic development, the creation of jobs and the building of wealth in our state. Fossil fuels do not achieve this because New Hampshire does not possess any natural supplies of oil, coal, propane or natural gas. When our residents, directly or indirectly through utilities, purchase these fuels which are supplied by other states and foreign countries our energy dollars leave the state and are lost forever from our economy. By purchasing fossil fuels we are creating jobs in foreign jurisdictions and not in New Hampshire. Our economy loses by the amount of the purchases from foreign entities. Even wind and solar energy do not require the purchase of raw materials in New Hampshire. Biomass is the only fuel source for which New Hampshire has a sustainable supply and creates the purchase of raw materials produced in our state. The Laidlaw biomass plant will purchase an additional 750,000 tons of wood chips annually which will inject \$25,000,000 more into the New Hampshire economy and create sustainable long term jobs with good benefits. This project will also immediately create 470 construction jobs! With the closure of the Fraser mill and the layoff of over 220 workers, the construction jobs are critically needed because they most fit the manual labor skill sets of the mill workers. In the long term the Laidlaw project will create 240 permanent direct and indirect jobs. Unemployment in the Berlin NH MicroNECTA area jumped from 5.4% to 9.0% in November of 2010 following the mill closure. These unemployed workers currently require substantial social assistance from the state and others. The best way to reduce these state expenditures is to provide the

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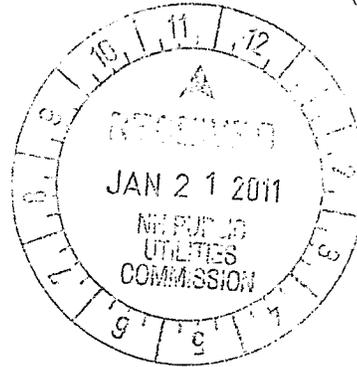
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RE: Docket DE 10-195

Dear Ms. Howland:

I am writing in support of the proposed power purchase agreement ("PPA") between Public Service of New Hampshire ("PSNH") and Laidlaw Berlin Biopower, and urge the Commission to grant its approval in a timely fashion.

This agreement represents a significant benefit to my constituents, and will have a positive impact on our state's energy market for years to come. The State of New Hampshire has mandated that 25% of our energy come from clean, renewable sources by the year 2025. This PPA is consistent with that mandate, and the Laidlaw Berlin project will have a major impact on the State's ability to meet its goal. Furthermore, I believe it is to the long-term benefit of our state that we encourage diverse energy supplies that take advantage of our native natural resources.

Energy production should be an important part of New Hampshire's employment mix because jobs in this sector are fixed; they cannot be outsourced overseas. Meeting our renewable mandates by drawing on energy sources within the state will help contribute to economic growth well into the future. This project will create 470 direct and indirect jobs during construction, and 240 direct and indirect jobs during operation.

The PPA pending before the Commission must be approved for construction to commence. As the project will bring great benefit to workers, ratepayers, and the environment, I urge the Commission to do so without undue delay.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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Daniel St. Hilaire
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RE: Docket Number DE-10-195 (Laidlaw Berlin BioPower Project)

Dear Ms. Howland,

This letter is being provided to express full support for the Laidlaw Berlin BioPower, LLC biomass project and request the PUC's approval of all necessary regulatory requirements because it is in the best interest of the State of New Hampshire economy. Right now, more than ever, New Hampshire needs to create jobs and move away from fossil fuels to environmentally beneficial renewable energy alternatives.

Biomass is the single renewable energy source that assures this economic development, the creation of jobs and the building of wealth in our state. Fossil fuels do not achieve this because New Hampshire does not possess any natural supplies of oil, coal, propane or natural gas. When our residents, directly or indirectly through utilities, purchase these fuels which are supplied by other states and foreign countries our energy dollars leave the state and are lost forever from our economy. By purchasing fossil fuels we are creating jobs in foreign jurisdictions and not in New Hampshire. Our economy loses by the amount of the purchases from foreign entities. Even wind and solar energy do not require the purchase of raw materials in New Hampshire. Biomass is the only fuel source for which New Hampshire has a sustainable supply and creates the purchase of raw materials produced in our state. The Laidlaw biomass plant will purchase an additional 750,000 tons of wood chips annually which will inject \$25,000,000 more into the New Hampshire economy and create sustainable long term jobs with good benefits. This project will also immediately create 470 construction jobs! With the closure of the Fraser mill and the layoff of over 220 workers, the construction jobs are critically needed because they most fit the manual labor skill sets of the mill workers. In the long term the Laidlaw project will create 240 permanent direct and indirect jobs. Unemployment in the Berlin NH MicroNECTA area jumped from 5.4% to 9.0% in November of 2010 following the mill closure. These unemployed workers currently require substantial social assistance from the state and others. The best way to reduce these state expenditures is to provide the

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