

February 16, 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,

The owners and employees of McDevitt Trucks Inc. fervently appeal to the PUC to approve the Laidlaw project based upon the broad economic, business and employment needs of the North Country and the well being of the State of New Hampshire's overall economic development. This project is critical to the development of renewable energy and would act as a catalyst and springboard to the development of many businesses on the available 120 acre industrial former mill site as well as other locations throughout the community. The future of the community and the state will be impacted by your decision.

The current economic climate has created many significant challenges. Consequently, we must ensure that we seize all possible opportunities. This project will provide employment opportunities, assist with the tax base and, equally important, provide renewed hope in our efforts to re-define Coos County. We also see many unique and applicable synergies that could lead to additional development. We have, in fact, seen that a green technology company plans to co-locate on the site creating an additional 65 new green jobs.

Please approve this project for the economic health of our community, Coos County, and New Hampshire. The implications of not approving this project are serious and will ultimately fail to respond in a necessary way to the residents of Coos County.

Respectfully yours,

Signature   
Print Name JT McDevitt Jr  
Title President

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