



# The Senate of the State of New Hampshire

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State of New Hampshire  
Public Utilities Commission  
21 South Fruit Street, Suite 10  
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Dear Commissioners:

As the NH State Senator for District 1, representing 57 communities in Coos, Grafton and Carroll Counties, I strongly support the five proposed Power Purchase Agreements submitted to the PUC for approval.

The energy markets have created considerable operating challenges for some time to New Hampshire's current biomass plants, especially the Bridgewater, Pinetree-Bethlehem, Tamworth and Indeck-Alexandria. Currently, these plants are in grave danger of being shutdown. As a result, there will be the loss of many jobs, not only at these biomass plants, but also the forest industry and the many other related jobs that would have drastic consequences on an already struggling area of New Hampshire.

I strongly urge the Commission to approve these Power Purchase Agreements as filed as soon as possible. The contracts are short-term, but will provide much needed assistance to these plants and the affected regional economy. In addition, it will allow the State adequate time to extend a vetted, long-term sustainable policy that will ensure continued success of these facilities.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "John T. Gallus".

Senator John T. Gallus  
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