



GREATER OSS�PEE AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

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

RE: Docket Number DE-11-184; Joint Petition for Approval of Power Purchase and Sale Agreements and Settlement Agreement



Dear Commissioners:

I write this letter as President of the Greater Ossipee Area Chamber of Commerce, in support of expedited approval by the Commission of the Joint Petition for Approval of Power Purchase and Sale Agreements and Settlement Agreement filed in the above-referenced docket.

The five existing wood-fired power plants, in particular including Pinetree Power – Tamworth, Inc., support manufacturing and forestry jobs and provide property tax revenues and other local economic benefits which are of great importance to our community and our region of the state. These many local benefits will be continued under the proposed contracts; without these contracts the continued viability of the biomass generation plants and the local benefits they provide are highly uncertain.

In the current difficult economic conditions, our community simply cannot afford to lose more jobs or tax revenue, or to do without the other important local benefits these plants have provided for many years and continue to provide today. I urge the Commission to approve the five power purchase agreements with these plants at the earliest possible time.

Thank you for your consideration of our concerns.

Sincerely,


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