



## The Senate of the State of New Hampshire

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February 26, 2019



Mr. Martin P. Honigberg and Commissioners  
New Hampshire Public Utilities Commission  
21 South Fruit Street, Suite 10  
Concord, New Hampshire 03301-2429

RE: Docket DE 18-002: Implementation of SB 365, 2018 N.H. Laws Ch. 379

Dear Chairman Honigberg and Members of the Commission:

We write in support of your timely implementation of Senate Bill 365, pertaining to the six independent biomass electric generating facilities that are the subject of that law. The findings section of SB 365 made clear that these facilities are important to the state's economy and jobs, and to state energy policies because they provide generating fuel diversity and environmental benefits protective of the health and safety of the state's citizens. In that regard the General Court determined that the continued operation of these facilities is in the public interest.

In passing SB 365, the General Court expected that Eversource would purchase the energy output of these facilities effective February 1, 2019. To effectuate that purchase the law is clear—Eversource is to select the proposals submitted to it by the biomass plants that conform to the law and submit them to the commission. This has not occurred and the continued operation of these facilities is at risk and the General Court's important public interest determinations remain unfulfilled. Equally clear in the law is that Eversource is entitled to recovery of the purchase price from ratepayers in accordance with the statute.


The continued operation of these facilities depends upon the expeditious implementation of SB 365. We urge you to take the action needed to implement that law and fulfill the General Court's public interest determination.

Thank you for your prompt consideration of this matter.

Sincerely,

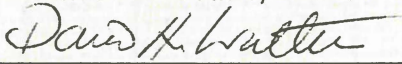
  
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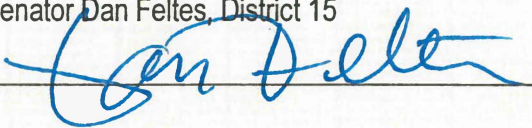
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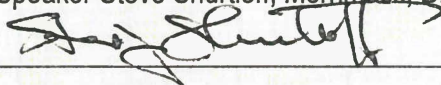
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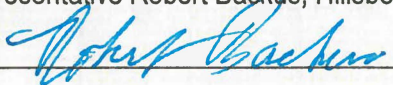
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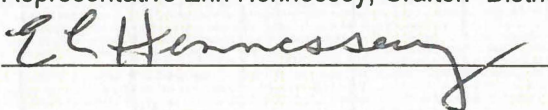
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