

PETITION TO INTERVENE

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In Re: Order of Notice DE-09-067

The State of New Hampshire Public Utilities Commission
Complaint of Clean Power Development, LLC filed 4/7/09

OCTOBER 25, 2009

I, Judith T. Spang State Representative, District No. 7 New Hampshire, County of Strafford, wish to intervene in the above-entitled matter, scheduled for hearing November 3, 2009 for the following reasons:

As a ratepayer and representative of the residents of New Durham, Milton, Middleton, Farmington, Barrington and Strafford, I am concerned that adoption of the least-cost principle is not being implemented. Electricity to be generated from the Clean Power Development (CPD) facility in Berlin is potentially below the cost of self-generated electricity by Public Service Company of New Hampshire (PSNH) owned assets, thus, there is an opportunity to lower the average cost to ratepayers. Secondly there is the concern that PSNH has arbitrarily chosen to enter a purchase power agreement with an alternative supplier (Laidlaw) at apparently higher price and without due diligence related to many of the significant issues such that we must question the PSNH reasons and motivation that would justify such a decision or commitment. I am concerned that the PSNH decisions related to renewable energy supply are in its interest only, and at the detriment of ratepayer interest, as well as the state and local interest related to the economy, the environment, and in accordance with the relevant state laws and policies. Since (PSNH) chooses not to seriously consider or be open to purchase-power negotiations with CPD (as well as other alternative energy producers), its conduct ensures needlessly higher electric bills to the consumers in my district.

The Berlin site of the proposed CPD bio-mass plant provides an array of synergies which combine to produce high overall production efficiencies - as high as 80 percent. Use of the city's wastewater reduces or eliminates the need for well or river water for circulation and evaporation makeup while reducing the municipal wastewater treatment plant discharge load on the Androscoggin River. The ability of CPD to provide favorably priced process steam for the nearby Fraser paper mill strengthens that business that is a major source of employment in the region and significantly improves the regional carbon footprint as a result of replacing the use of imported fossil fuel. I understand that there are significant additional and realizable synergies involving the growing of algae for bio-oil production, local greenhouse production of food crops, and the desire and effort of CPD to move forward with the City of Berlin to have a District Heating System. All currently available and proposed synergies combine to substantially reduce the regional carbon footprint, overall air emissions, and environmental profile, plus significantly improve the employment opportunities for Northern NH, which are all collectively in the best interests of New Hampshire residents. I contend that PSNH as a monopoly utility with protected territory and other favorable business protection is obliged to operate in the "public good" and, therefore, has a requirement to place value on all the favorable aspects related to the proposed CPD project when doing a least-cost analysis. I must question the PSNH business plan when it chooses to ignore significant opportunities to serve their customer base in a way that would also better serve the "public good".

Sincerely,

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