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Exec. Director & Secretary
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Re: Petition for Approval of Power Purchase Agreement with
Laidlaw Berlin BioPower, LLC - Docket No. DE 10-195

Dear Secretary Howland:

The purpose of this letter is, in part, to respond to Laidlaw Berlin BioPower LLC's Objection to Concord Steam Corporation's and The Wood-Fired IPPs' Joint Motion to Continue and for Expedited Treatment and to advise the Commission as to the status of discovery and forthcoming motions to compel.

The Wood-IPPs reiterate that the parties to this docket agreed to an expedited procedural schedule based upon PSNH and Laidlaw's representations that they would respond quickly to discovery and that Laidlaw would not raise blanket objections to discovery requests. Laidlaw has in fact interposed a blanket objection to providing the intervenors with discovery. In its responses to the Wood IPP's second set of discovery requests, Laidlaw raised the same objection to providing discovery 45 times, and answered only one of the Wood IPPs' 46 data requests. Laidlaw raised this same objection 18 times and refused to answer even a single data request made by Concord Steam Corporation. Consequently, Laidlaw's statements that "the parties have worked diligently to answer discovery requests and provide information that the staff seeks," and that the Wood IPPs' and Concord Steam Corporation's concerns relate "primarily to confidentiality issues associated with the PPA" do not provide the Commission with a fair view of the disputes regarding access to information that plague this proceeding and that require a substantial continuance of the procedural schedule. *See* Objection at 1. The time for discovery has past; the date for preparing rebuttal testimony is fast approaching; and Laidlaw has, as yet, provided no discovery. Laidlaw has unilaterally rendered the current hearing schedule unworkable and no schedule that provides for hearings in December will "accommodate the interests of justice and all the parties involved in this proceeding" as Laidlaw claims in its objection. Objection at 2.

The second reason for this letter is simply to extend the courtesy of informing the Commission to expect several motions to compel to be filed in this docket within the next several days. As PSNH has yet to answer all of the Wood IPPs' data requests, the Commission may expect to receive several motions to compel in the week that follows. The Wood IPPs expect the motions to be lengthy, due to the number of data requests to which Laidlaw raised its blanket objection, and due to the number of requests for which PSNH withheld information on other bases. As requested by the Commission, the intervenors will coordinate efforts where appropriate, and the undersigned is authorized to state that Concord Steam Corporation joins in this letter. However, Concord Steam Corporation plans to file its own motions to compel.

A copy of this letter has been provided to parties on the attached service list in accordance with N.H. Admin. R. Puc 203.11(c).

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "David J. Shulock", written in a cursive style.

David J. Shulock, Esq.

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