

DE 11-184

August __, 2011

Mr. Thomas Getz, Chairman
Public Utilities Commission
State of New Hampshire
21 South Fruit Street
Concord, NH 03301

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

Dear Mr. Getz:

As the owner and operator of Welch Logging & Chipping [Forest Products Company], I write to urge the PUC to approve the power purchase agreements with five New Hampshire biomass power plants at the earliest possible time.

The filed contracts will keep these plants operating and continue their demand for the biomass fuel which our company supplies. This market for our product supports numerous jobs and other financial benefits in the central and northern parts of the state, which are greatly needed in these difficult economic times.

Someday the Berlin biomass generator project should also help support the wood fuel market our business depends on, but right now this market relies on the existing wood plants and their continued operation. Our business and the communities we live in and work in will benefit greatly from the PUC's timely approval of these five contracts.

Thank you for your time and your consideration.

Sincerely,

R. David Welch

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