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REQUEST TO INTERVENE

Docket No. 2009-02

Laidlaw BioPower, LLC

Mr. Thomas Burack, Chairman
New Hampshire Site Evaluation Committee
c/o New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services
29 Hazen Drive, PO Box 95
Concord, NH 03302-0095

Dear Chairman Burack:

Success, an unincorporated place in Coös County, shares its municipal border with Berlin. Success is a unit of local government administered by the Coös County Commissioners. Success primarily consists of 32,000 acres of privately owned forests (Bayrott, LLC, Thomas R. Dillon, and Heartwood Forestland Fund) that were traditionally harvested to provide wood fiber to the vertically integrated paper companies located in Berlin and Groveton. The landowners and their predecessors were good stewards of the land and allowed free public access to their lands. The closure of the North Country mills shocked the local economy and left many folks with a specific timber related skill set out of work. Coös County has 22 other unincorporated places with much the same geography and features as Success.

The Laidlaw BioPower, LLC application to construct a 70 MW Biomass Fueled Energy Facility in Berlin brings new hope for the restoration of woods jobs and an expanded tax base in Berlin with the construction of a multi-million dollar energy facility. This tax base expansion would benefit all communities in Coös County as the county tax is determined by each municipality's proportionate share of the whole.

For "substantial interest" reasons of local taxation (both property and timber taxes) and the potential to strengthen Coös County's economy and grow jobs, the Coös County Commissioners hereby submit this petition for intervention pursuant to RSA 541-A:32.

Sincerely,

Burnham A. Judd, Chairman
Coös County Commissioners

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