

McDevitt Trucks Inc.



August 18, 2010

Governor John Lynch
State House
107 North Main Street
Concord NH 03301

Re: Laidlaw-Berlin Biomass Plant

Dear John:

I was dismayed to read in today's online editions of the *Berlin Sun* and *Berlin Reporter* that Coos County's delegation refused to send a letter of support for the Laidlaw-Berlin Biomass Plant to the PUC, as it deliberates this project's application. While I understand that the delegation does not wish to enter the fracas between Laidlaw and Clean Power, nor should they, I think the delegation should seize *any* opportunity it can to assure the PUC that it endorses *both* projects. The economic viability of Coos County depends on a diversified economy, and the chances of this occurring will be significantly enhanced if economical, locally produced, sustainable, and renewable energy is made available to businesses interested in locating there.

However diversified the economy of Coos County will be, the forests will undoubtedly be a cornerstone of that diversification. Whether used for recreation, timber, or biomass production, thousands of citizens and their families depend on responsible use of our forest resources directly or indirectly for income. Renewable power made from biomass is an excellent use of our forest resources, and therefore both Laidlaw and Clean Power should be supported by the delegation.

While I cannot speak for the delegation, I can speak for the Lancaster branch of McDevitt Trucks, its employees and their families, and countless of our customers and vendors who enthusiastically endorse both biomass projects. If both entities have viable business plans, then both will prosper. If one doesn't, then it will not go forward. But that's for the free market to decide; it's up to the delegation to look out for its constituents and assure the PUC that it is behind *any* responsible biomass power project.

Keep up the great work, and please keep in touch!

Best Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jack".

Jack McDevitt

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