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Site Evaluation Committee  
c/o N.H. Department of Environmental Services  
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Attention: Thomas S. Burack, Chairman

**RE: Exemption Application of Androscoggin Valley Regional Refuse Disposal District – SEC Docket No. 2010-02**

Dear Mr. Burack:

This letter follows the Site Evaluation Committee's site visit, public meeting and public informational hearing on November 22 in Berlin, in regards to the above-referenced exemption application. At the conclusion of the public hearing, the Committee voted to exempt the applicant, Androscoggin Valley Regional Refuse Disposal District ("AVRRDD"), from the approval and certificate provisions of NH RSA 162-H.

During the site visit, the public meeting and the public hearing, AVRRDD provided the Committee with new information that had either changed since its earlier submissions to the Committee or was not known at the time of such submissions. At the hearing, the Committee asked AVRRDD to submit a letter summarizing such changed or new information on key aspects of its project. That information is as follows:

- The lengths and diameters of the various sections of pipeline, originally estimated in Paragraph 3 of AVRRDD's Application for Exemption, are now estimated as follows:
  - An approximately 10,650-foot-long buried 6-inch diameter High Density Poly Ethylene (HDPE) LFG pipeline from the Landfill to the M&R Station;
  - An approximately 675-foot-long buried 2-inch diameter steel lateral pipeline from the existing PNGTS mainline pipeline to the M&R Station;
  - An approximately 850-foot-long buried 6-inch diameter HDPE mixed LFG and natural gas pipeline from the M&R Station to the east end of the Androscoggin River crossing; and

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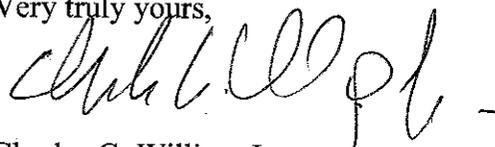
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- An approximately 2,500-foot-long buried 6-inch diameter HDPE mixed LFG and natural gas pipeline from the west end of the Androscoggin River crossing to the Gorham Mill.
- The prospective mill purchaser discussed at the November 22 hearing, M&M Consulting and Contracting, withdrew its proposal last week. The bankruptcy court has identified a new prospective purchaser, Counsel RB Capital, and has set a deadline of December 16 to close the mill purchase.
- AVRRDD has selected R.H. White Construction Co., Inc. as its contractor, but has not yet awarded the contract.
- The Project schedule depends on what happens with the mill purchase. In order to begin construction in the field in the spring of 2011, AVRRDD would seek to obtain permits and finalize design by March 2011.
- AVRRDD has completed wetlands delineation. AVRRDD anticipates filing permit applications and amendments based on that delineation in the near future, assuming that the project moves ahead.

Please do not hesitate to contact me with any further questions or concerns.

Very truly yours,



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