

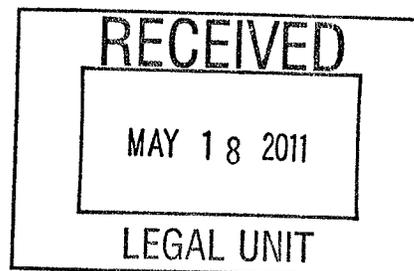
City of Berlin, NH

Office of the Mayor



May 11, 2011

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



RE: Joint Motion of Laidlaw Berlin BioPower, LLC and Berlin Station, LLC.
Docket No. 2011-01

Dear Chairman Burack:

This letter is written on behalf of the Mayor and City Council of the City of Berlin. At their meeting on Monday, May 9, 2011, on a vote of 7-1, the Mayor and Council voted to provide you with this letter in support of Laidlaw's petition in this docket) and to urge the expedited consideration of its petition. The Mayor and Council believe all of the proposed changes are appropriate and beneficial.

The City of Berlin is by far the most economically distressed city in the state. It desperately needs the enterprise, jobs and tax base that the proposed Laidlaw energy development project will bring to the community. In order to take advantage of close to \$3,000,000 in local community benefits from New Market Tax Credits which have been allocated to the project, final financing must be in place very soon.

As the Commission is aware, Laidlaw has just completed what was a 9-month process before the Site Evaluation Committee and then another 6-month PUC review of the proposed PPA. The project is now ready to begin construction. The City respectfully requests that the SEC do everything in its power to streamline that review to make it as rapid as reasonably possible.

The SEC's judicious and timely review of this petition is greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

Paul Grenier, Mayor

Roland Théberge, Councilor

Russell Otis, Councilor

Lucie Remillard, Councilor

Mark Evans, Councilor

Michael Rozek, Councilor

Diana Nelson, Councilor