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July 5, 2011

Thomas Burack, Chairman
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**Re: Petition of Gorham Paper and Tissue, LLC
SEC No. 2011-003**

Dear Chairman Burack:

As you know, Brennan, Caron, Lenehan & Iacopino, has acted as outside counsel to the New Hampshire Site Evaluation Committee ("Committee") with respect to many applications and other matters that have been heard by the Committee since approximately 1998. We have represented the Committee on applications for major energy facilities, both renewable and traditional. In addition, we have represented the Committee on numerous occasions with regard to matters pertaining to modifications to facilities, exemption requests and petitions for declaratory relief. At present, I represent the Committee in its proceedings in the matter of the Application of Groton Wind, LLC and in the matter of the Joint Motion of Laidlaw Berlin BioPower and Berlin Station. Additionally, I was involved in the efforts of the Site Evaluation Committee to promulgate administrative regulations.

It is my understanding that the Committee recently received a request from Gorham Paper and Tissue, LLC regarding an exemption from the requirements of RSA 162-H. The purpose of this letter is to advise you that our office is available, ready, willing and able to represent the Committee with respect to the recently filed Application if, in fact, the Committee deems it necessary and appropriate to hire outside counsel for this purpose.

Generally, the applicant or party seeking the Committee's action has been responsible for the payment of our fees. See, RSA 162-H: 10, V. In the past, our bills have been presented to the Chairman of the Committee for approval, and then forwarded to the applicant for payment. To the best of my knowledge, that system has worked well and I do not believe that there has ever been an issue raised by any applicant regarding the amount of fees charged by my Firm. (Although, as you know the lawfulness of the assessment of

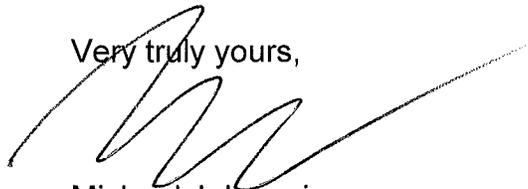
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fees in the Merrimack Station matter is presently pending in the New Hampshire Supreme Court.) In representing the Committee in this matter, I would propose attorney's fees in the hourly rate of \$200.00 per hour, and reimbursement for out of pocket costs and expenses incurred by counsel. To the extent that I employ the use of an associate in my office, the hourly rate for such an associate will be less than \$200.00 per hour. In no case will my office charge more than \$200.00 per hour, and our time will never be billed twice for two lawyers working on the matter at the same time, including attendance at meetings or hearings.

I can report that my firm does not have any conflict of interest with respect to representing the Committee concerning the Application.

Should you require further information about my Firm and our qualifications, I would be happy to provide that in whatever format you require. Again, I thank you for the opportunity to represent the Site Evaluation Committee and ask that you approve our representation under the terms and conditions set forth above.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Michael J. Iacopino', written over a horizontal line.

Michael J. Iacopino

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