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#### Via Hand Delivery

Thomas S. Burack, Chairman N.H. Site Evaluation Committee N.H. Department of Environmental Services 29 Hazen Drive Concord, NH, 03302

### Laidlaw Berlin BioPower, LLC SEC Docket No. 2009-02

Dear Chairman Burack:

On behalf of Clean Power Development, LLC, I am filing with the NH Site Evaluation Committee an original and 18 copies of a redacted version of the Supplemental Testimony of William W. Gabler. The testimony is redacted because it contains confidential information the ISO-NE "System Impact Study" (SIS) results for the Laidlaw Berlin BioPower project which recently became available.

I am also filing herewith a Motion for Protective Order and Confidential Treatment of the redacted portion of Mr. Gabler's testimony.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

/s/\_James T. Rodier

### STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

### BEFORE THE ENERGY FACILITY SITE EVALUATION COMMITTEE

Docket No. 2009-02

Application of Laidlaw Berlin BioPower, LLC

## SUPPLEMENTAL TESTIMONY OF WILLIAM W. GABLER ON BEHALF OF CLEAN POWER DEVELOPMENT, LLC

### **INTRODUCTION**

My name is William W. Gabler and I am the Project Manager for Clean Power Development (CPD), which is located at 130 Pembroke Rd. Suite 100, Concord, NH 03301.

The purpose of this supplemental testimony is to discuss the ISO-NE "System Impact Study" (SIS) results for the Laidlaw Berlin BioPower project which recently became available. My opinion is that the results show that the Coos County loop is incapable of supporting the operation of the Laidlaw Berlin BioPower project without major upgrades and reconstruction

The R12-10 Draft of "Steady State System Impact Study for the Proposed Biomass Project Queue #251 Interconnecting to the Berlin 115 KV Substation in New Hampshire," dated April 26, 2010, is a complete engineering analysis of the impact that interconnecting the Laidlaw Berlin BioPower facility would have on the steady state operations of the Coos County 115 KV loop.

This SIS was conducted by Siemens Energy, Inc, Siemens Power Technologies International on behalf of ISO-NE and evaluated the impact of the proposed Laidlaw project on the steady state operations of the Coos County loop. The project consists of one steam turbine generator unit rated at 79.0 MVA. The generator has a summer gross output of 65.9 MW and a net output of 58.7 MW. The project is proposed to connect directly to PSNH's 115 KV substation via a 0.92 mile 115 KV transmission line and a single breaker.

### **RESULTS OF THE SIS**

### [REDACTED Material subject to Protective Order]

#### **CONCLUSION**

The bottom line of the SIS is that recent ISO\_NE engineering studies have confirmed that the Coos County loop is incapable of supporting the operation of the Laidlaw Berlin BioPower project without major upgrades and reconstruction by Laidlaw.<sup>1</sup>

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Section 8 of the study merely shows that the estimated cost of the necessary improvement is "pending". However, while the exact amount is unknown, we do know that the NH PUC staff estimated the cost as being in the range of \$150-210 million in 2008. PSNH staff later told the North Country Transmission Commission that cost refinements and other changes had reduced that projected cost to the range of \$125 - \$155 million and that those figures could even possibly be lower.

## STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE BEFORE THE SITE EVALUATION COMMITTEE

## APPLICATION OF LAIDLAW BERLIN BIOPOWER, LLC, FOR A CERTIFICATE OF SITE AND FACILITY DOCKET NO. SEC 2009-02

#### MOTION FOR PROTECTIVE ORDER AND CONFIDENTIAL TREATMENT

Now Comes Clean Power Development, LLC ("CPD"), and respectfully requests that the Site Evaluation Committee (the "Committee") issue a protective order to maintain the confidentiality of certain confidential, commercial and financial documents. In support of its motion, CPD states as follows:

1. On or about July 9, 2010, Applicant filed with the Committee, <u>inter alia</u>, a Motion for Protective Order and Confidential Treatment with respect to the recently concluded ISO-NE System Impact Study for the Applicant's proposed bio-power facility in Berlin which is the subject of this proceeding. Applicant seeks an order to protect the System Impact Study from public disclosure but will provide a copy of the Study to the committee and the parties, including CPD.

2. CPD concurs with the relief sought by Applicant. The study is classified by ISO-NE as "Critical Energy Infrastructure Information – Do Not Release."

3. On July 9, 2010, William W. Gabler of CPD will file supplemental testimony on the results of the System Impact Study and its impact on the issues in this proceeding. The detailed results of the study will be redacted from the public version of Mr. Gabler's testimony. However, CPD will provide an unredacted version directly to the Committee and the parties.

4. WHEREFORE, CPD seeks an order from the Committee protecting the unredacted version of Mr. Gabler's testimony from public disclosure.

Respectfully submitted, CLEAN POWER DEVELOPMENT, LLC By its Attorney,

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Dated: July 9, 2010

# **<u>Certificate Of Service</u>**

I hereby certify that I have provided a copy of this Motion for the Parties on the Service List in this proceeding.

/s/\_James T. Rodier