



August 20, 2010

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

Re: SEC Docket No. 2009-02 – Application of Laidlaw Berlin BioPower, LLC for a Certificate of Site and Facility for a Renewable Energy Facility in Berlin, New Hampshire

Dear Chairman Burack:

I am writing to you on behalf of Gestamp Biomass International L.L.C. a company of Gestamp Corporation to offer public comments with regard to the Application of Laidlaw Berlin BioPower, LLC for a Certificate of Site and Facility to construct and operate a Renewable Energy Facility in Berlin. We appreciate the opportunity to offer these comments.

Gestamp Corporation is a Spanish global Company with 20,000 employees, industrial steel manufacturing related facilities in twenty five countries including the United States, and a strong presence in the renewable energy business in ten countries, including the United States. Through its affiliate Gestamp Renewables, Gestamp is very much committed to the expansion of renewable energy and has entered the American market to install, own and operate wind, solar, and biomass energy facilities. Gestamp's philosophy matches that of Clean Power Development in that it wants attractive projects that are environmentally and socially responsible with a maximized synergy with the surrounding community and industry. Gestamp Biomass International, a subdivision of the larger American effort, favors projects with the most efficient combined heat and power design that match the long term sustainability parameters of the regional working forests.

Gestamp Biomass has entered an exclusive agreement with Clean Power Development to finance, own and operate the projects developed by CPD in the North East sector of the United States. CPD will have a long term interest in each project and provide various ongoing services to the projects during construction and operation. Gestamp has committed to finance the Clean Power Berlin project as the first Gestamp project to be built in the USA. This project will be a model of what Gestamp does elsewhere and will showcase all the attributes it desires in a quality facility.



Gestamp looks to the outcome of this proceeding as a signal from New Hampshire as to its desire to have an appropriate facility for Berlin built and operated by a company that has significant financial resources and experience in the biomass business. Gestamp is ready to start the CPD Berlin project as soon as issues related to the market for the energy produced by the project and fuel supply are resolved. Gestamp is very concerned as to the fuel supply issue not only as it may impact the Berlin project but the negative and limiting effect that it may have on other projects it hopes to do within New Hampshire and surrounding states. Gestamp believes in a smaller, more decentralized approach that will lead to the development of more projects that will create significantly more economic prosperity from a given fuel resource. Gestamp has numerous biomass projects in other countries and it speaks from experience when it brings to the Committee's attention the fact that availability and price of fuel that can be delivered and sustained is paramount to the long term success of a biomass project. The initial Clean Power Berlin project should be the beginning of a development process that continues for many years as this project can bring in or attract and encourage the industries that will function in synergy with the CPD facility. Gestamp is very much committed to making a difference in the economic prosperity of the Berlin region and what that can mean over time. As you consider the economic development of the Berlin area consider that the Gestamp/CPD approach offers greater positive economic impact and job creation for a given biomass resource, and very good synergy for the struggling paper-mill in Gorham, as well as the ability to help bring new business to the region.

Thank you again for the opportunity to provide comments during the course of this proceeding.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, consisting of several overlapping loops and horizontal strokes, positioned above the typed name.

Emilio Luis Lopez Carmona
CEO Gestamp Biomass International LLC