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Ms. Sharon Zaya
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Dear Ms. Zaya,

I am writing to share some significant news for our state. On December 1, Public Service of New Hampshire's Northern Wood Power Project (NWPP) officially went into service in Portsmouth, NH. This event marks the completion of one of the nation's largest new renewable energy projects, which is now producing electricity for PSNH customers by burning clean wood chips.

Both environmentally and economically, this project is a huge success for New Hampshire. By permanently replacing a 50-megawatt coal boiler with a state-of-the-art wood-burning boiler of the same size, the NWPP is now delivering on its goals for the state: to reduce air emissions by an estimated 380,000 tons annually, to bolster the economy, and to advance good forestry practices. And, through the sale of "renewable energy certificates" earned by the NWPP, PSNH will be able to offset the capital costs of the project and maintain some of the lowest energy rates in the region.

With the NWPP officially in service, we look forward to working with you and other state leaders in the coming year to pursue similar renewable energy projects by PSNH that are in the best interest of our customers and New Hampshire. The NWPP has been a priority for PSNH, and we are pleased to share the news that it is now complete and producing significant economic and environmental benefits for our state.

Best wishes for a wonderful holiday season.

Sincerely,

Gary A. Long