

Exhibit 10



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Dear Ms. Caulton-Harris:

Thank you for your letter of March 29, 2011, to the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection (MassDEP) and the Massachusetts Department of Public Health (MDPH) regarding the proposed biomass facility in Springfield, Massachusetts. A number of your questions are best addressed by the MassDEP and the Massachusetts Environmental Policy Act (MEPA) office, which are responsible for ensuring that proposed projects meet all applicable state environmental and siting laws and regulations.

Your letter asks that MDPH undertake a cumulative health risk assessment of the impact of pollution sources in Springfield to address existing air quality concerns, as well as concerns about whether actual emissions from the proposed facility may exceed those predicted by the proponent.

To clarify, a "cumulative health risk assessment" is not the same as a health impact assessment (HIA). The former evaluates possible human health risks that may result from estimated exposures from multiple sources (e.g., existing facilities near the proposed site, the proposed facility itself, diesel trucks, automobiles), and generally involves extensive modeling work that can be costly and resource intensive. An HIA can evaluate environmental concerns, however, in a far less resource intensive manner. An HIA also identifies the risks and benefits before decisions are made through evaluation of evidence-based strategies and recommendations to promote health and mitigate impacts.

In the case of the proposed biomass project in Springfield, MDPH had concerns about the use of construction and demolition (C&D) waste as a fuel and, based on those

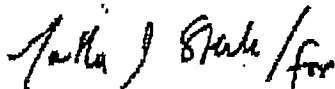
concerns, designed an HIA to evaluate health impacts associated with the use of C&D waste. Once the proposed fuel source changed, the decision regarding the use of C&D for fuel and potential health impacts no longer applied and the HIA could not be carried out as designed. For that reason, we suggested that the HIA be modified to answer questions more generally related to environmental mitigation and/or actions that could be taken based on operational performance.

We regret that we do not have the resources to conduct a comprehensive cumulative health risk assessment for the proposed facility given the substantial level of effort such an assessment would require. However, as mentioned, we would still be happy to work with you and residents on a modified HIA. You may recall that MDPH provided several suggestions to the Secretary of the Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs in our comments on the Notice of Project Change for the project. Specifically, we suggested that PRE could conduct perimeter air monitoring for some period of time in areas of maximum impact; could install diesel retrofits for the fleet of trucks servicing the facility, as well as retrofits for municipal fleets; could have restrictions imposed on routes and travel times of vehicles associated with the facility; and could implement other recommendations aimed at improving health and economic benefits to the local community.

We note that the draft MassDEP air permit contains commitments from PRE to install diesel retrofits on truck fleets associated with the project and municipal fleets, as well as perimeter air monitoring. Thus, the modified HIA could include evaluating health benefits of diesel retrofits (e.g., by reducing air pollution), protocols for and results of ambient air monitoring to be undertaken by the proponent, other possible mitigation strategies that the community could support and that could be implemented, and other possible health benefits that may result from proponent financial commitments to the City of Springfield. We would defer to you and the community as to whether you believe such a modified HIA would be helpful to you.

We hope this letter clarifies what MDPH can and cannot do with respect to the proposed biomass facility in Springfield. We look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,



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Here is a copy of a response to a letter sent by Helen Caulton to dph

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