Dear Commissioner Judson:

I write to express opposition to new incentives for biomass power generation.   If DOER is proposing to focus its CPS procurements on sources such as “most energy storage facilities, small non-solar renewable facilities such as AD or biomass, etc.” disaster is forecast for Western Mass towns.

As I understand it, the purpose of the law is to support cost-effective reductions in greenhouse gas emissions during peak periods of energy use. It is well understood out here that biomass power plants are expensive, generate more net CO2 pollution than fossil-fueled power plants per MWH of energy produced, and emit disproportionately large amounts of air pollution.  Further, the length of time required for trees to regrow, makes using biomass in an effort to combat climate change ridiculous on the face of it.

If the CPS was intended to replace carbon-intensive and expensive electricity sources, biomass should be categorically excluded from eligibility.

Sincerely,

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