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Subject: [External] Re: Renewal of Ryegate Power - Stored Solar LLC

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I am writing this letter today not only as a member of this community but as a small business owner that does a considerable amount of business with Ryegate Power - Stored Solar LLC in regards to the Bill S-1 for the renewal of the 10 year contract.

This power plant is an important part of the economy in this region and would devastate a number of small businesses that do business with Ryegate Power if the contract is not renewed. As a small business owner we have had to deal with many mill and chip plants closing in the New England area, this has left us with very few avenues to sell our low grade wood, hence why this renewal is so important for Ryegate Power - Stored Solar LLC, this renewal is so important to our economy and many local business's, Ryegate uses 250,000 tons of low grade wood annually and put's approx \$7 million back into the local economy.

Speaking on a personal note , Ryegate Power - Stored Solar LLC is over 40% of our yearly gross revenue, it may not be all of our revenue but it plays a huge part of our business along with our land owners, a forest is like a garden and in order to promote the growth of the best quality, most healthy plants you need to periodically weed it and that's what Ryegate helps you do.

In closing, I do ask that you pass this bill not only for my business but for our community and all the other local business that it will effect if it is not renewed. I would like to thank you for your time in reading my letter and hope that this will be a win win situation for all.

Best regards,
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