



CITY OF PITTSFIELD

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To whom it may concern:

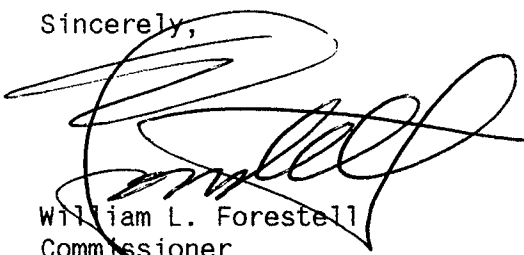
Re: City of Pittsfield, Massachusetts, Resource Recovery Facility

During my tenure as Commissioner of Public Utilities for the City of Pittsfield, I have been actively involved with what is commonly known as the Pittsfield Resource Recovery Facility. This 240-ton-per-day waste-to-energy facility, coupled with a residential drop-off station, is constructed on land leased from the City by Pittsfield Investors Limited Partnership, and the facility is operated by eco/Pittsfield, a subsidiary of the operations arm of Energy Answers Corporation. This small, but very efficient and environmentally sound plant, utilizes the ENERCON technology.

eco/Pittsfield has been operating the waste-to-energy facility for the past five years. During that time, in addition to properly running the facility on a day-to-day basis, eco/Pittsfield has closed the City's landfill in response to a Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection mandate, contracted for a successful off-site composting operation, dealt with problems such as unacceptable waste, state-mandated waste bans for recyclables, scheduled and unscheduled plant outages, and improved methods for handling and disposal of specialty items such as freon-bearing appliances and roofing shingles. In my opinion, the staff of eco/Pittsfield has demonstrated an adaptability and willingness to solve problems in a timely and effective manner.

While the City's 20-year partnership agreement that led to the construction and operation of the facility will expire in 2004, we anticipate that waste generated from the City of Pittsfield will continue to be disposed of at this facility for many years to come.

Sincerely,



William L. Forestell
Commissioner