



# Biomass Processors Association

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February 16, 1993

Thor Bailey  
Thor Bailey & Associates  
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Subject: Recognition of Outstanding Service

Dear Thor:

On behalf of the Biomass Processors Association I would like to take this opportunity to recognize and commend your efforts in the development of, and ongoing efforts to maintain, this Association. Often some of us are not adequately recognized for our efforts and commitment and this certainly appears to be the situation in regards to your work in support of the Biomass Processors Association. It could easily be said that without your effort we would not have achieved the progress that we have in the last year.

You have labored, at times without full compensation and often in difficult circumstances, to increase the membership, expand the scope of interest and to collect and incorporate others with skills and experiences that complement your own. Speaking first for myself but also on behalf of the new Board, we all would not be here nor would there today be a vital effort to reestablish the Biomass Processors Association, without the considerable time and sacrifices you have made. We are all indebted to you.

While we have a fresh start and new commitments, we are far from done in terms of establishing the Biomass Processors as a leading representative of Californias complex and diverse Biomass Industry. Much work and many challenges remain in front of us. It is my hope that you will continue to work with the new Board as we endeavor to secure financial support, expand our membership base and increase the profile and voice of the Association in industry activities. Thanks, Thor for all your effort, Well Done!

Sincerely,

William G. Miller  
Executive Director

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September 30, 1992

Mr. Thor Bailey  
Biomass Processors Association  
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Dear Mr. Bailey:

I read your letter and reviewed the enclosed material concerning the Biomass Processors Association with great interest. Also, from what Steve tells me, your organization could be a galvanizing force for the further development of an agriculture-based industry which encompasses biomass collectors, diversifiers, haulers and users. I know first hand from my years of dealing with the issue of agricultural electric rates that an organization such as yours can be very useful, especially for working with the State bureaucracy.

I am pleased that you have requested Steve Shaffer's participation on your Board of Directors. I'm sure he will serve the association well.

Please let me know if I can be of any further assistance.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "A. J. Yates", is written over a large, stylized scribble.

A. J. Yates  
Deputy Director  
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November 12, 1992

Mr. Thor Bailey, Advisor  
Biomass ~~and~~ Processors Association  
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Dear Mr. Bailey:

Thank you for your letter of September 22, 1992 requesting my participation in the Biomass ~~Fuel~~ Processors Association as a member of the board.

As a clean and renewable energy resource, biomass plays an important role in the energy mix of the state. Besides contributing over 800 megawatts of electricity to the electrical grid, biomass-fueled power plants represent a \$1.9 billion investment in California's economy.

As you know, the Energy Commission has been a strong supporter of the development of clean biomass fuels. Through the original Biomass Demonstration Program, the Energy Commission provided over \$10.5 million to help demonstrate biomass projects. More recently, the Energy Commission has supplied over \$1.2 million to the research, development and demonstration of advanced biomass energy projects through the Energy Technologies Advancement Program (ETAP).

I believe that biomass represents a golden opportunity to help diversify the state's energy supplies, achieve important environmental benefits, supply jobs and assist in developing a strong economy in the years to come. However, to achieve those goals will require an independent and capable biomass industry representative group. From what I know about the make-up of the Association, I believe it will serve this purpose well, and am pleased to act as a member.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "George Simons".

George Simons  
Program Manager, ETAP

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July 6, 1992

Thor Bailey  
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Dear Mr. Bailey:

Thank you for taking the time to meet with us last week. The meeting was very informative regarding the various issues that surround biomass processing. We hope that we were able to provide you with some insight as to the Board's activities in this area.

If we can be of any further assistance, please don't hesitate to call either Carroll McKelvey or me at (916) 255-2664. We look forward to working together in the future to find solutions to the complex challenges facing the biomass industry.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Lee A. Heathcote".

Lee Ann Heathcote  
Planning and Assistance Division  
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July 31, 1992

Mr. Thor Bailey  
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Dear Thor:

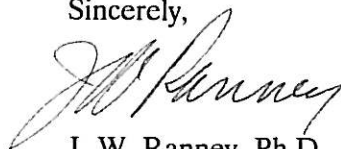
I enjoyed our conversation about biomass energy developments in California. I am very interested in learning more about the biomass supply activities there, the role your organization is playing to make things happen, and obstacles you encounter.

I am enclosing a copy of our most recent newsletter which tends to cover the efforts of our R&D program on biofuels. What it does not cover is our increased effort to be involved with commercialization efforts. We are not interested in working on academic issues of biomass supply and procurement phenomena. Rather, real working circumstances are proving to be the best teachers concerning real problems and opportunities. We are an integrated group of economists, resource managers, and ecologists fully dedicated to biomass energy. In addition to our staff at Oak Ridge National Laboratory (ORNL), we have many contracts that conduct studies and collect information. The network is dominated by these people, not ORNL. Groups include USDA Forest Service, Audubon Society, landgrant universities, USDA Agricultural Research Service, private companies, utilities, and individuals. We also conduct work for EPA, EPRI, U.S. Agency for International Development, TVA, and others regarding biomass cost-supply, environmental effects, land economics, biomass productivity evaluations, and fuel cycle analysis. I have found myself recently talking more with EPRI, utilities, the forest products industry, biomass producers, and environmental groups to make sure I am guiding work in the right direction, to build a biomass energy constituency, and to be proactive in overcoming obstacles and issues before they become problems.

I will be in Palo Alto on August 6 and 7 visiting with EPRI. I hope I can arrange to meet you on August 8 or to visit the biomass facility in Anderson that day. Realizing that it will be Saturday on the 8th, arrangements may not be possible.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,



J. W. Ranney, Ph.D.  
Forester/Ecologist  
Biofuels Environmental Task Leader

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Enclosures