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Clearwater Paper, formerly Cellu Tissue, currently employs 94 people and produces tissue hard rolls which are shipped to customers for conversion into everyday products such as napkins, hospital pads, feminine hygiene products, meat pads and puppy training pads.

The rail service is a vital component of Clearwater's business for the in-bound transportation of pulp, our largest raw material. The rail siding platform, located 2 miles from the mill, is convenient for the unloading and quick and effective transport to our facility of approximately 400 railcars per year.

If the Connecticut River Bridge were to be taken out of service the financial impact to Clearwater Paper would be \$600,000 in trucking freight costs; and there would be an additional 1,600 trucks annually traveling our highways. Currently, we have a designated driver that transports the pulp from the rail siding to our mill. Without rail transport an additional 6 trucks per day would need to be unloaded at our docks, and the potential of drivers being delayed could cost us additional detention charges.

Furthermore, in an already tight economy, every expense in business is scrutinized; and if Clearwater Paper Corporation feels that the tissue made here can be made elsewhere for less money with more earnings then we could lose another long-time manufacturer in the State of Connecticut and another paper mill in New England would be forced to close their doors.

In summary, the sale of bonds by the State Bond Commission to repair the Connecticut River Bridge spanning from Hartford to East Hartford is a necessity to keep my business running smoothly, viable and to keep jobs in this state.

Christopher Fiedler
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