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In 2004 Wright-Pierce prepared a report titled ANRDOSCOGGIN RIVER PHOSPHORUS REDUCTION COST ANALYSIS. They estimated Livermore Falls WWTF would spend \$375000

initially and \$18400 annually to get to .5 mg/l P. The inflation rate has been @ 10% a year since this report was published which now gets our costs up to \$562900 initially and \$27600 per year. We (Verso, New Page, and LF WWTF) are doing DEP's job of river testing at over \$25000 per year and for the last 2 years there have been zero algae blooms. The Wassau mill in Livermore Falls recently closed taking with it 33% of our tax base. We are committed to a rebuild of our sewer line on Main St. at a cost of over \$600000. A Phosphorus removal program at this time would put the sewer users in this town in trouble. We have just gone up 25% on our rates this year. The history of Gulf Island Pond shows remarkable improvement in water quality, but we know that due to the dam there will be times of extreme low flow and hot temperatures when small noncompliance issues will surface. I believe a UAA will have to be performed to justify spending millions of dollars for very small improvements. Especially in the present economic times.

Respectfully

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