Maine Department of Environmental Protection

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Request for Project Review

TO: File; DEP DEA-Barry Mower, Rob Mohler, Don Witherill; IF&W-John Perry, Francis Brautigam, Scott Lindsay; DMR-Oliver Cox, Gail Whippelhauser; MHPC-Earle Shettleworth; MEMA-Mark Hyland; DACF-Mari Wells; MaineDOT - Herb Thomson

DATE: December 17, 2015

FROM: Kathy Howatt, Hydropower Coordinator, at **(207) 446-2642;** kathy.howatt@maine.gov

This constitutes a request for your agency's review of the project identified below and your submission of comments in accordance with our Memorandum of Agreement on Project Reviews. Questions may be directed to the DEP Hydropower Coordinator.

Project materials, including the MWDCA application and the final FERC Surrender Application, may be found at: http://www.maine.gov/dep/ftp/HYDRO/DAMS/Saccarappa_MWDCA_2015/

The deadline for agency comments is ***January 19, 2016***

DEP Application Number	L-19717-3D-H-N	**Applicant Name:**	S.D. Warren Company
Project Name:	Saccarappa FERC License Surrender Project	**Contact:**	Barry Stemm
Location:	Westbrook	**Tel #**	(207)856-4584

Notes to Reviewer:
The applicant, as owner and operator of the Saccarappa Project, proposes to surrender its Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) license and decommission the existing hydroelectric facilities, remove the eastern and the western spillways, and install a double Denil fish ladder in the tailrace of said hydroelectric facility.

Resources within and adjacent to the currently impounded Presumpscot River and resources downstream of the impoundment that may be impacted as a result of the proposed project include; palustrine wetlands and wetland habitat, fish and wildlife resources, and existing land uses, including public access, among others. An existing wet road will be utilized to access the dam with excavators and trucks, and will be removed as the dam is removed. Other small, temporary wet roads and cofferdams will be installed as required.

After a thorough review of the above project, as presented to us, and consideration of our agency's standards, programs and responsibilities, the following comments are submitted to the Department of Environmental Protection:

Three bridges are within the area that that the water level and velocity will change.

- Westbrook, Bridge Street Bridge - Founded on ledge; **no impact**
- Gorham, Little River - Founded on timber piles outside the stream banks, **MaineDOT will monitor any impact to old abutments**.
- Gorham, Deguio - To be replaced in summer 2017. New abutments will be founded outside channel; **no impact.**

☐Check if requesting copy of draft Findings of Fact and Order.

SIGNATURE: Herb Thomson (MaineDOT) ***DATE***: 25 January, 2016