

IN THE MATTER OF

TIMOTHY DOWNING,) REGULATION OF WATER
SMITHFIELD, MERCER, ROME,) LEVELS AND FLOWS
MINIMUM KENNEBEC AND SOMERSET COUNTIES)
NORTH POND)
L-30629-36-A-N)

Closing Brief in Response to Sixth Procedural
Submitted May 30, 2025

Presiding Officer Mongeon,

7 Lakes Alliance, a nonprofit organization located in Belgrade Lakes, Maine, and an Intervenor in the above-captioned proceeding, appreciates the opportunity to participate in this process and the information presented for consideration in various filings and public comments.

We remain committed to helping develop and implement, in collaboration with North Pond Association and other lake associations, individuals and governmental partners, science-based, community-centered and collaborative approaches to protect and restore the health of North Pond. Notably, this includes the North Pond Watershed-based Plan. However, we do not possess sufficient information, neither data supporting the initial dam order nor information presented in these proceedings to propose a specific minimum flow or lake level requirements. We appreciate NPA's desire to work with DEP for a reasonable solution that reflects scientific information, supports the watershed-based plan and appropriately balances the relevant regulatory criteria.

Respectfully submitted,



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