June 30, 2025

Black Bear Hydro Partners LLC

Randall Dorman

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**VIA EMAIL**

RE: DEP APPLICATION #L-13256-33-M-N, ELLSWORTH HYDROELECTRIC PROJECT

Dear Mr. Dorman:

Your application by Black Bear Hydro Partners LLC for water quality certification of the Ellsworth Hydroelectric Project (Project) in support of a Water Quality Certification was received at the Department of Environmental Protection on June 18, 2025, and found to be acceptable for processing on June 30, 2025. Your application has been given the above- referenced number; please use this number in any correspondence related to this application.

Acceptance of the application does not preclude the Department from requesting additional information and analysis during processing.

The Project will now be examined to determine whether a certification can be issued. The statutory deadline for the Department to reach a final decision on your application is June 17, 2026. No construction related to any proposed activities currently under review may be started prior to receiving a final decision from the Department.

Please feel free to contact me at (207) 219-9563 or via email at Laura.Paye@maine.gov if you have any questions regarding this project.

Sincerely,



Laura Paye

Hydropower Coordinator

Bureau of Land Resources