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Melanie Loyzim
Commissioner
State of Maine
Department of Environmental Protection
DEP-Hydropower@maine.gov

RE: Green Lake WQC
DEP Application #L-020024-33-D-N
Green Lake Hydroelectric Project
(FERC Project No. 7189)

Dear Ms. Loyzim:

I am a fifth generation owner of property on Green Lake and I am against the rules which would require building upstream fish passage based on the future outcome of the Ellsworth Dam in the draft Water Quality Certificate from March 14, 2024.

Green Lake is special because it's a cold water lake where arctic charr and landlocked salmon live naturally. The lake supports many other species as well. Requiring fish passage through Graham Lake (a shallow, warm water lake) will likely bring in invasive fish that could harm the lake's current delicate ecosystem.

I am also worried that the cost of constructing a fish passage could make it too expensive to keep running the hydroelectric project at Green Lake. The Green Lake Water Power company (GLWP) has been responsible and has done a good job taking care of the lake levels. I think they should be allowed to keep using the hydroelectric power plant to make renewable energy while regulating the lake levels for fish, loons, property owners, and human recreation.

Also, I would like to see the fall drawdown occur later in the season.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,


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