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Ms. Linda J. Butler License and Compliance Specialist, Division of Technical Services Maine Department of Environmental Protection 17 State House Station Augusta, ME 04333-0017

RE: Waste Management Disposal Services of Maine, Inc. Application for a Public Benefit Determination

Dear Ms. Butler:

I am writing in support of the application for a public benefit determination for the Phase 14 landfill submitted by Waste Management Disposal Services of Maine, Inc. (WMDSM).

Our renewable biomass facility, ReEnergy Stratton, uses low-grade fiber as fuel to power the 48MW Stratton, Maine facility. In addition to forest residues, ReEnergy Stratton is able to process mill residues from the many Maine sawmills and pulp and paper mills. Stratton's fuel diversity contributes to proper forest management and provides an important solution to mill residual management.

WMDSM has accepted and beneficially used the ash generated at the Stratton facility for a time that exceeds our ownership of nearly 9 years. A primary benefit of working with WMDSM is their ability provide a consistent outlet for a facility that generates inconsistent levels of ash on an annual basis due to energy market challenges. In addition, WMDSM proximity to the Stratton facility is advantageous to alternative locations and results in transportation savings to our facility.

The approval of WMDSM's application for a public benefit determination for their Phase 14 landfill would be beneficial to ReEnergy Stratton and to the many businesses of the forest products industry that the facility serves.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment.

Sincerely,

Michael Buckley ReEnergy Stratton

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