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Via Electronic Mail

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Maine Department of Environmental Protection
Bureau of Land Resources
17 State House Station
Augusta, Maine 04333-0017

**Re: DEP APPLICATION # L-31353-36-B-N, BUCKSPORT MILL LLC PETITIONS
FOR RELEASE FROM DAM OWNERSHIP**

Dear Ms. Paye:

On November 1, 2024, the Maine Department of Environmental Protection (the "Department") accepted Bucksport Mill's petition for release of dam ownership (the "Petition"). Pursuant to 38 M.R.S. § 902(4), Bucksport Mill, LLC ("Bucksport Mill") hereby provides this letter report on both notice compliance and the status of consultation (the "Report").

I. Notice Compliance

Bucksport Mill has satisfied its notice obligations pursuant to 38 M.R.S. §§ 901-902 and submitted evidence of the same as Appendix A to its Petitions. Specifically, Bucksport Mill: Published a Notice of Intent to File in the *Bangor Daily News* for publication on October 19, 2024, and appropriately notified property owners, agency contacts, municipal officers, tribal representatives, and interested organizations in the manner required by statute.

The notice materials are now located on the Maine Department of Environmental Protection website associated with these Petitions, [Index of /dep/ftp/projects/bucksport-mill/Petition Materials](https://depftp.projects.bucksport-mill/PetitionMaterials), which includes evidence of certified mailings (where appropriate), and an excel spreadsheet listing each of those notified, as well as the manner in which they were notified.

The notice included notice both of the Petitions as well as a November 14 public meeting, which was held on November 14, 2024 at the Maine Maritime Academy's Center for Professional Mariner Development in Bucksport.

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II. Consultation status

Bucksport Mill understands that the consultation process has been extended an additional 180 days to October 27, 2025. This, therefore, is not a final report on consultation. Rather this is a summary of the consultation process thus far. Please note that the Department has been copied on all consultation requests and responses.

Bucksport Mill provided extensive information in its Petitions. The Company also provided the requisite information about the statutory process to all those who attended the November 14, 2024 public meeting. At that public meeting, the Company accepted questions and posted the questions and answers on a website Bucksport Mill established for the asking and answering of questions from the public related to potential interest in new ownership of the dams. That website is located at [Answers | Bucksport Mill Answers](#).

Bucksport Mill also received and responded to extensive document requests from the Towns of Bucksport, Orland, Surry, Penobscot, and Blue Hill in February of 2025. These responses and all associated documents are located on the DEP website at [Index of /dep/ftp/projects/bucksport-mill/Petition Materials](#).

Bucksport Mill received supplemental document requests from the Towns of Bucksport, Orland, Surry, Penobscot, and Blue Hill. Responses, including additional documents, will be sent out later this week, and a copy will be sent to the Department for posting on its website.

Bucksport Mill has been contacted by Maine Inland Fisheries and Wildlife, which indicated it does not believe it has the resources to take ownership of the dam.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions or require additional information regarding this report on Bucksport Mill's satisfaction of the notice requirement pursuant to 38 M.R.S. § 902(4) or would like additional information regarding the current status of consultation.

Sincerely,

/s Katherine A. Joyce

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