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John Perry
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Re: Bucksport Mill Petition – Request for Engineering and Operational Analysis and
Environmental Assessment

Dear John:

Thank you so much for your letter dated December 3, 2024, and our conversation when we were able to catch up with one another yesterday. This letter is simply to memorialize our conversation and solidify lines of communication for this proceeding.

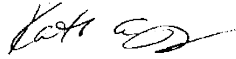
I understand, and have conveyed to Bucksport Mill, LLC (“Bucksport Mill”), that the Maine Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife (“MDIFW”) does not have the capacity to take ownership of any of the dams in question. While we are sorry to hear that, we understand that your decision was based on the information provided in the Petition for Release from Dam Ownership and accept your position.

If and when a public value assessment becomes necessary, Bucksport Mill, LLC (“Bucksport Mill”) is prepared to provide MDIFW with any documents in its custody that relate to the questions you posed in your letter. Please note, however, that Bucksport Mill does not have an Engineering and Operational Analysis or an Environmental Assessment. Those were not documents created for or provided in the transaction in which Bucksport Mill took ownership of the dams, nor is Bucksport Mill in a position to create them now. However, to the extent any information related to those topics is located in documents in Bucksport Mill’s custody, that information will be shared to facilitate your evaluation.

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We welcome further discussion and remain hopeful that we are able to find a new owner for these assets.

Best,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Kath', followed by a stylized flourish.

Katherine Joyce

cc: Judy Camuso, Tim Peabody, Christl Theriault—MDIFW Commissioner's Office
Liz Latti, MDIFW Fisheries Division
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