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**VIA EMAIL**

RE: Bucksport Mill LLC petitions for release from dam ownership (#L-31353-36-B-N); title, right, or interest (TRI) or the necessary written consent to transfer the Alamoosook, Toddy Pond, and/or Silver Lake dams pursuant to 38 M.R.S. §§ 901-909

To the Interested Parties:

The Department is in receipt of responses to its August 20, 2025, request for comments on the effect of any provisions of the Facility Sharing Agreement or the Easement on Bucksport Mill LLC’s TRI and ability to transfer ownership of the Alamoosook, Toddy Pond, and Silver Lake dams pursuant to 38 M.R.S. §§ 901-909. On September 12, 2025, the Department received comments from Bucksport Mill, LLC (Petitioner); the Town of Bucksport and the Towns of Orland, Penobscot, Surry, and Blue Hill; (collectively, “the Towns);and Bucksport Generation, LLC (BuckGen). Upon request from the Petitioner to respond to these comments, the Department allowed all parties to provide additional responses by September 19, 2025.

The Department appreciates all the details and information provided in response to its August 20, 2025, request.

Based on the parties’ submissions, the Department understands that uncertainty surrounding BuckGen’s consent to any transfer of the dams remains an outstanding issue that may affect the consulting parties’ ability to take ownership of the dams as well as the Department’s determination of whether Petitioner has met its consultation obligations under 38 M.R.S. § 902. In accordance with § 902(4-A) and previous Department action granting an extension of the consultation period, the Petitioner is required to file a report with the Department on the consultation process on or before October 13, 2025. Following receipt of this report, the Department will post the report on its website for a 30-day public comment period. The Department will consider all comments received during this comment period, in addition to those already received during the consultation period and regarding TRI, to determine whether Petitioner has complied with its obligations under §§ 901 and 902.

In the meantime, 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 matter.

Sincerely,



Laura Paye

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