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**To:** Laura Paye  
Hydropower Coordinator  
Maine Department of Environmental Protection

**From:** Mary E. Allen, Chair  
Surry Select Board  
741 North Bend Rd.  
Surry, ME 04684

**Date:** October 30, 2024

Dear Ms. Paye,

I am writing on behalf of the Town of Surry, Maine. We respectfully request that you reject the petition filed with your office, on October 11, 2024, by Bucksport Mill LLC. This is the second petition filed concerning the dams. The first, submitted in July of 2024, was rejected by the DEP due to insufficient information and other issues. These petitions seek the release of dam ownership and water level maintenance for the dams, and their associated bodies of water at Alamoosook Lake, Toddy Pond and Silver Lake.

Our concerns are many. Release of waters will have devastating effects on the property values of homes and camps located on Toddy Pond in Surry. The effect on Surry's annual budget from a reduced tax base will be debilitating for the town. The environmental impacts will be significant along the waterfront and tributaries.

Bucksport Mill LLC has not acted in good faith as represented by the petition filed. They have, to date, failed to provide any information about the dams related to past maintenance records, upcoming scheduled maintenance, estimated costs to maintain the dams, etc. as required.

I ask that you reject this most recent petition.

Thank you.

Mary E. Allen, Chair