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RE: Deficient Petitions for Release from Dam Ownership

Dear Ms. Joyce:

The Maine Department of Environmental Protection (Department) has reviewed your combined submission of three Petitions for Release from Dam Ownership on behalf of your client Bucksport Mill, LLC, with respect to its ownership of the dams and impoundments at Silver Lake, Alamoosook Lake, and Toddy Pond (collectively, the Petitions). The Department cannot accept your combined submission or any of the individual Petitions for processing until the petitioners address the following deficiencies:

- Please provide title, right, or interest documentation for the dams, including all appurtenant features.
- Page 1 of the Alamoosook Lake Dam O&M Manual states, “[a] pump station, approximately 250 feet downstream of the Alamoosook Lake Dam, is used to pipe water overland from Alamoosook Lake to Silver Lake in the Town of Bucksport.” Pages 15-16 of your submission state under a section describing the Toddy Pond dam, “[a]fter the mills were closed, the dam continued to supply Alamoosook Lake, from which water was pumped across the watershed into Silver Lake for use by the Town of Bucksport. The water conveyance from Alamoosook Lake to Silver Lake is identified as a 36” diameter aqueduct pipeline that extends from the pump station at Alamoosook Lake to a cove in Silver Lake located on the east side of the lake near Milvale Road. Portions of the pipeline are above ground and portions are below ground. The aqueduct was designed to carry six to seven million gallons per day (mgd) (at a rate of ten cubic feet per second) with a maximum flow of 20 mgd. The aqueduct was used to augment the water supply in Silver Lake for mill use.”
  - It is unclear which water supply is referred to in these sections of your submissions. The water conveyance is from Alamoosook Lake to Silver Lake but is described under a section for Toddy Pond. Please clarify this section by providing an image showing where the pump station and water supply system are located.

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- Please provide the most recent inspection of this pump station and water supply system. If that is not performed by the Petitioner, please state the party responsible for inspecting and maintaining this water supply system.
- Please provide the most recent inspections that occurred according to Section 3.0 of your submission of the Alamoosook Lake Dam O&M Plan.
  - See, for example, the “operations and maintenance manual” referenced on page 13 for Toddy Pond.
- Page 5 of the Alamoosook Lake Dam O&M Manual states, “[t]wice a year, in the spring (April-May) and the fall (October-November), an inspection of the following areas will be performed by the Owner or Owner’s representative.” Please provide the most recent inspection of the Alamoosook Lake dam. Please also provide any maintenance that has occurred at the Alamoosook Lake dam over the past year.
- Page 5 of the Silver Lake Dam O&M Manual states, “[t]wice a year, in the spring (April-May) and the fall (October-November), an inspection of the following areas will be performed by the Owner or Owner’s representative.” Please provide the most recent inspection of the Silver Lake dam. Please also provide any maintenance that has occurred at the Silver Lake dam over the past year.
- Page 5 of the Toddy Pond Dam O&M Manual states, “[t]wice a year, in the spring (April-May) and the fall (October-November), an inspection of the following areas will be performed by the Owner or Owner’s representative.” Please provide the most recent inspection of the Toddy Pond dam. Please also provide any maintenance that has occurred at the Toddy Pond dam over the past year.

The 15-day acceptance period ends at 5:00 PM on November 2, 2024. Please send the above requested information before then or your application will be returned.

If you have any questions about this matter, please contact me at [laura.paye@maine.gov](mailto:laura.paye@maine.gov) or (207) 219-9563.

Sincerely,



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