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January 21, 2014

RE: Maine Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (MEPDES) Permit #ME0001686
Maine Waste Discharge License (WDL) Application #W002568-5R-G-R
Retirement of Permit - Veazie Hydro Project

Dear Mr. Clarke:

By this letter, the Department of Environmental Protection is retiring the above referenced permit/license last issued on April 15, 2009, PPL Maine, LLC. The permit/license authorized the discharge of up to 60,550 gallons per day of non-contact cooling water from the Veazie Hydroelectric Project to the Penobscot River, Class B, in Veazie, Maine.

Based on a letter dated January 15, 2014, it is our understanding the Veazie dam was removed in 2013. The powerhouse structure currently remains but the electrical generated equipment has been decommissioned thus, eliminating the non-contacting cooling water discharge. We will be inactivating the facility on our database so that Discharge Monitoring Reports and billing statements are not sent to you in the future. By copy of this letter, we are notifying the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency of the retirement of the permit.

Please be advised that a permit may be needed from Department for any future discharge of pollutants from this facility to the surface waters or ground waters of the State of Maine, either under current ownership or new ownership. Any new permit would be based on the characteristics of the effluent being discharged and the impacts of the discharge on the quality of the receiving water.

If you have any questions regarding the matter, please feel free to call me at 287-7693.

Sincerely,

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