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## Department of Environmental Protection

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Mr. George Aponte Clarke Penobscot River Restoration Trust P.O. Box 5685 Augusta, Maine 04332 January 21, 2014

RE:

Maine Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (MEPDES) Permit #ME0036651

Maine Waste Discharge License (WDL) Application #W008068-5R-E-R

Retirement of Permit - Great Works 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, to PPL Great Works, LLC. The permit/license authorized the discharge of up to 88,560 gallons per day of non-contact cooling water from the Great Works Hydroelectric Project to the Penobscot River, Class B, in Old Town, Maine.

Based on a letter dated January 15, 2014, it is our understanding the Great Works dam was removed in 2012. 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,

Gregg Wood

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