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## *VIA HAND DELIVERY*

Virginia N. Plummer, Chairwoman  
c/o Terry Hanson  
Maine Board of Environmental Protection  
Ray Building – AMHI State Office Complex  
17 State House Station  
Augusta, ME 04333-0017

**Re: Petitions for Revocation, Modification or Suspension of Permits and Water Quality Certification for the Lockwood, Hydro-Kennebec, Shawmut and Weston Hydro Projects**

Dear Chairwoman Plummer:

Please find enclosed the pre-filed rebuttal testimony of FPL Energy Maine Hydro LLC (FPLE) and Merimil Limited Partnership (MLP) in regards to the petitions from Douglas H. Watts and Friends of Merrymeeting Bay (FOMB) to revoke, modify or suspend the water quality certifications for the Lockwood, Shawmut and Weston projects on the lower Kennebec River. The pre-filed rebuttal testimony should be placed behind the "Rebuttal Testimony" tab in the binders we provided to the Board with its pre-filed direct testimony on January 17, 2007.

For the reasons described in the FPLE and MLP pre-filed direct testimony and which you will read in the rebuttal testimonies that follow, this Board should dismiss the petitions seeking to revoke, suspend or modify the water quality certifications for the Lockwood, Shawmut and Weston projects. Thank you for your patience and consideration, and we look forward to seeing you in March.

Sincerely,

  
Jeffrey A. Thaler, Esq.

Enclosures  
cc: Service List