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Subject: Downstream fish passage studies

Dear Sirs:

We received a February 1, 2010 letter from Friends of Kennebec Salmon (FOKS) and Friends of Merrymeeting Bay (FOMB) regarding requirements for studies of the effectiveness of downstream Atlantic salmon passage at the Lockwood, Shawmut, and Weston Projects, located on the Kennebec River in Maine.<sup>1</sup>

The FOKS and FOMB assert in their letter that the licensees for the named projects have not conducted timely site-specific, quantitative studies designed and conducted in consultation with the resource agencies, showing that fish passage through the project turbine(s) will not result in significant injury and/or mortality (immediate or delayed).

The requirements for downstream passage of Atlantic salmon at the named projects, as well as the requirements governing the need for downstream passage

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<sup>1</sup> The February 1, 2010 letter also addresses studies at the Hydro-Kennebec Project (FERC No. 2611), which is handled in a separate proceeding.

Project No. 2574-068--Maine  
Lockwood Project  
Merimil Limited Partnership

Project No. 2322-051--Maine  
Shawmut Project

Project No. 2325-076--Maine  
Weston Project

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