IN THE MATTER OF

STATE OF MAINE, DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATIVE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES, ALTON, OLD TOWN, PENOBSCOT COUNTY # HQH-D4D1-RJBBR	) APPLICATION FOR JUNIPER RIDGE) LANDFILL EXPANSION LICENSE) MAINE HAZARDOUS WASTE, SEPTAGE) AND SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT ACT) PUBLIC HEARING) FIFTH PROCEDURAL ORDER

On September 9, 2026, the Presiding Officer suspended all deadlines for submissions until such time as the State of Maine, Department of Administrative and Financial Services, Bureau of General Servies (BGS) and NEWSME Landfill Operations, LLC (NEWSME) submitted information regarding their plans to locate PFAS treatment at an offsite location from the Juniper Ridge Landfill. On September 18, 2026 and October 16, 2026, NEWSME submitted additional information to the Department and other parties of this proceeding.

Department staff have informed the Presiding Officer that the Department has sufficient information to resume scheduling of these proceedings. As such, the Presiding Officer is hereby setting the following submission requirements and deadlines. Please refer to the Third Procedural Order for additional information regarding the scope of the Public Hearing, filing/submission requirements and other administrative information. The Third Procedural Order can be found on the Department's JRL Page: https://www.maine.gov/dep/waste/juniperridge/index.html.

1. **Submission of Topics and Expected Number of Witnesses**

On or before, **December 30, 2026, at 5:00 p.m., the intervenors** must submit to the Presiding Officer and other parties the specific topics or issues that they intend to address during the public hearing. The submission must include the provisions of the permit application, rules or statutes that are applicable. In addition, parties must file the number of witnesses they expect to present, identify how many of these are expert witnesses, and estimate the amount of time each witness will need to present their evidence during the hearing.

On or before, **January 15, 2027, at 5:00 p.m., the applicant** must submit to the Presiding Officer and other parties the number of witnesses it expects to present, identify how many of these are expert witnesses, and estimate the amount of time each witness will need to present their evidence during the hearing.

2. **Schedule for Pre-filed Testimony and Exhibits**

On or before, **February 5, 2027, at 5:00 p.m., the parties** must submit to the Presiding Officer and other parties their pre-filed testimony and exhibits. As a reminder, the testimony and exhibits presented should include information as to how the testimony or exhibits apply to the particular statute or regulatory standard at issue and the credentials of any expert witnesses.

3. Schedule for Pre-filed Rebuttals and Objections

On or before, **March 5, 2027, at 5:00 p.m., the parties** must submit to the Presiding Officer and other parties any rebuttal testimony, exhibits or objections they may have to previously pre-filed testimony and exhibits of other parties.

4. Tentative Timeframe for the Hearing

It is anticipated the hearing will be scheduled some time between March 12 and April 16, 2027. On or before, **December 30, 2026**, **at 5:00 p.m., the parties** must submit dates in which they have scheduling conflicts between March 12 and April 16, 2027. Parties should make every possible attempt to be flexible within this timeframe.

DONE AND DATED AT BANGOR, MAINE THIS 19th DAY OF NOVEMBER 2026.

By:
/s/ Ronald Mongeon
RONALD MONGEON,
PRESIDING OFFICER