

From: [David Littell](#)
To: [Paye, Laura](#); [Matthew White](#); [Kat \(Joyce\) Stratton](#)
Cc: [Russell B. Pierce](#); [Joanna B. Tourangeau](#)
Subject: RE: DEP Application # L-31353-36-B-N – Bucksport Mill, LLC - Consultation Report
Date: Monday, August 3, 2026 1:15:32 PM

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Good afternoon Laura and all,

Thank you for passing along this MEMA email.

The Town of Bucksport asked me to respond to the Department (and parties) that it intends to retain a qualified operator to maintain the day-to-day operations before it takes title to the Silver Lake Dam. In short, the Town plans to comply with the day-to-day operational requirements. The Town will also comply with this requirement with retention of dam engineer or safety expertise as soon as the \$1.5 million fund for operations and maintenance is made available to the Town.

The Town has reached agreement on terms with both Bucksport Generation and Maine Water Company. Together with the Town, these are the three entities that would remain with interests in maintaining the Silver Lake dam. While the negotiation of the revised Water Easement to replace BuckMill's with the Town in many places is complex, we are close to a final revision of the 60+ pages Water Easement with Bucksport Generation (implementing the agreement on terms). We expect that final Water Easement revision to be completed by end of this week based on our current level of effort with BuckGen.

The Town also has agreement on terms with Maine Water Company and is negotiating a revision of the Maine Water Company's Water Indenture. That negotiation is not complete but it substantially advanced.

The Town is therefore optimistic it will have finalized documents by end of August. Assuming we have those agreements and payment of the amount from BuckMill into escrow, the Town plans to consider a resolve to put the dam acquisition on the November ballot. The Town has already delayed the first reading once from end of July but remains optimistic we can meet the timing to have documents done by end of August and payment of the \$1.5 by BuckMill and AIM into escrow to proceed as the parties on Silver Lake has discussed.

The Town understands that BuckMill and BuckGen are working out some disagreements and hopes those are shortly resolved.

We are happy to provide more detailed updates from the Town of Bucksport as may be helpful

to the Department and parties.

Best,

David

Outside Counsel for Town of Bucksport

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From: Paye, Laura <Laura.Paye@maine.gov>

Sent: Wednesday, July 29, 2026 8:47 AM

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Cc: David Littell <dlittell@bernsteinshur.com>; Russell B. Pierce <rpierce@nhdlaw.com>; Joanna B.
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Good morning,

MEMA asked that I make sure all parties are aware of the following statute:

Title 37-B: DEFENSE, VETERANS AND EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

Chapter 24: DAM SAFETY

§1128. Notice of transfer of ownership

Forty-five days prior to any change of ownership of a dam, whether by sale, lease or gift, the owner or owners of a dam classified as a high or significant hazard potential dam shall provide in writing to the commissioner the name and address of the prospective new owner or owners along with any plan that the prospective owner has with regard to maintaining competent operations and correcting unsafe conditions, if any. For purposes of this section, "competent operations" means properly and safely maintaining the dam and ensuring compliance with all safety, environmental and water level rules or orders.

The dam safety contact for MEMA is Steven Mallory (Steven.Mallory@maine.gov, 2075573671) if you have any questions about that!

Best,
Laura

From: Paye, Laura
Sent: Friday, June 26, 2026 10:46 AM
To: Matthew White <mwhite@bernsteinshur.com>; Kat (Joyce) Stratton <kjoyce@bernsteinshur.com>
Cc: David Littell <dlittell@bernsteinshur.com>; Russell B. Pierce <rpierce@nhdlaw.com>; Joanna B. Tourangeau <jtourangeau@dwmlaw.com>
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Good morning,

Please see the Department's correspondence providing the requested extension.

Feel free to reach out with any questions.

Best,
Laura

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From: Matthew White <mwhite@bernsteinshur.com>
Sent: Wednesday, June 17, 2026 4:56 PM
To: Paye, Laura <Laura.Paye@maine.gov>; Kat (Joyce) Stratton <kjoyce@bernsteinshur.com>
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Hi Laura,

Attached please find Bucksport Mill's supplement to our Consultation Report. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions.

Thanks,
Matt

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Good afternoon,

Please see the Department's response, attached.

Happy holidays!
Laura

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From: Matthew White <mwhite@bernsteinshur.com>

Sent: Monday, December 8, 2025 4:49 PM

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Hi Laura,

Attached please find Bucksport Mill's response to the Department's November 21, 2025 request for information in connection with the above-referenced proceeding.

Please let us know if you have any questions or require additional information.

Thanks,
Matt

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Cc: David Littell <dlittell@bernsteinshur.com>; Russell B. Pierce <rpierce@nhdlaw.com>; jtourangeau@dwmlaw.com

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Good afternoon,

Please see the attached request for additional information.

Best,
Laura

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From: Kat (Joyce) Stratton <kjoyce@bernsteinshur.com>
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Good afternoon,

Please see the attached report on the consultation process conducted pursuant to the DEP process for the referenced Petition.

I hope you all enjoy a lovely holiday weekend.

Best,

Kat

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