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Re: Water Level Petition for North Pond Smithfield, Mercer, and Rome, Maine DEP File #L-30629-36-A-N

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Please find enclosed an Order of Official Notice and accompanying documents relating to exhibits and facts presented by Department of Environmental Staff to be given Official Notice by the hearing officer pursuant to the Department's Rules Governing the Conduct of Licensing *Hearings*, 06-096 ch. 3, § 20(C):

"Official Notice. Official notice may be taken of any facts of which judicial notice could be taken; of any general, technical, or scientific matters within the Department's specialized knowledge; and of statutes, regulations, and non-confidential agency records. Parties will be notified of material so noticed and will be afforded an opportunity to contest the substance or materiality of the matters noticed. Facts officially noticed will be included and indicated as such in the record."

All parties may file objections to any of the attached facts or exhibits on or before Friday, February 21, 2025, at 5:00 P.M.

All parties may file rebuttals to any of the attached facts or exhibits on or before Friday, March 21, 2025, at 5:00 P.M.

NOTE: This letter was emailed to parties on January 23, 2025.

Thank you for your attention to this matter,

/s/ Ronald Mongeon

## Ronald Mongeon, Eastern Maine Regional Office Director

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