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April 9, 2024

Melanie Loyzim

Commissioner

State of Maine

Department of Environmental Protection

RE: Green Lake WQC

 DEP Application #L-020024-33-D-N

 Green Lake Hydroelectric Project

 (FERC Project No. 7189

Dear Melanie Loyzim,

We are property owners and full-time residents of Green Lake. We strongly oppose the conditions included in the draft Water Quality Certificate circulated on March 14, 2024, conditions 3F-H, that would require the construction of upstream fish passage facilities in the future based on activities at the Ellsworth Dam.

Green lake is a unique cold-water lake with a rare native population of Artic Char and Landlocked Salmon. The lake supports many other species including the endangered Loon. It would not be appropriate to order fish passage before determining whether fish passage makes sense for Green Lake. Upstream passage could introduce invasive species and upset the delicate ecosystem that currently supports life in the lake. In addition, we are concerned that these conditions could render hydroelectric generation and operation no longer economically viable.

The Green Lake Water Power (GLWP) has been a good neighbor and excellent steward of the resource. We strongly believe that GLWP should continue to operate it’s project in order to generate clean hydroelectric energy, an important renewable resource in addition to maintaining healthy water levels in the lake. This management provides many significant recreational and aesthetic benefits that are enjoyed presently. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely, Robert and Kathleen Taylor