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RE: Ottawa Road Pump Station, CSO Master Plan Approval

Dear Gentlemen:

I have completed my review of the Ottawa Road Combined Sewer Overflow Master Plan submitted on behalf of the City of South Portland, the Portland Water District and the Town of Cape Elizabeth, which was prepared by Wright-Pierce and dated December 2011.

I found the document to be very informative and provided much information regarding flows and events affecting the Ottawa Road pump station and CSO overflow. I apologize for the delay in my response. Things have been very busy in the CSO world over the past year or so. I hope that all CSO related work has not come to a complete standstill while waiting for my response.

By way of this letter, I am approving the Ottawa Road CSO Master Plan referenced above. The recommended plan calls for a five-year abatement schedule and is expected to reduce combined sewer overflows by 1,100 gallons per minute and approximately 1 or 2 events per year. Your current permit is due to expire on June 12, 2014 and all abatement projects shall be completed before the next permit cycle expires on June 12, 2019. The abatement schedule

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outlines the following milestones which are expected to commence once public comments and final local approvals have been received.

Year 1 (2014)_ Begin additional investigations and complete design of Phase II & I Reduction Project;

Year 2 (2015)_ Complete additional investigations and construct Phase II & I Reduction Project;

Year 3 (2016)_ Complete design of Phase II & I Reduction Project(s) and begin preliminary design of the Ottawa Road pump station upgrade;

Year 4 (2017)_ Complete preliminary design of the Ottawa Road pump station upgrade and complete construction of the Phase II & I Reduction Project(s);

Year 5 (2018)_ Complete construction of the Ottawa Road pump station upgrade and the Phase II & I Reduction Project(s) and begin CSO Master Plan update.

The abatement schedule in the approved Master Plan will become enforceable under your wastewater discharge permit. I will work with you to develop specific dates for each milestone, which will be added to your next permit renewal and also to our CSO progress tracking database for tracking compliance. Please let me know when public comments have been received and final local approvals obtained.

I have enjoyed working with you and look forward to continuing to work with you on these worthwhile projects. I appreciate the group's professional and honest approach to abating the CSOs for the area and your genuine concern for the environment and the constituents you serve. I look forward to seeing the expected reductions in CSO discharge volumes over the next several years.

Sincerely,



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