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Susan Lessard, Chair c/o Terry Hanson Board of Environmental Protection 17 State House Station Augusta, Maine 04333-0017

Re: Calais LNG Project Company, LLC and Calais Pipeline Company, LLC

Dear Chair Lessard:

By this letter, and for the reason described below, Calais LNG Project Company, LLC and Calais Pipeline Company, LLC ("Calais LNG"), respectfully request that you postpone the conference of counsel in this matter currently scheduled for July 23, 2010.

Calais LNG currently is in the process of transitioning ownership interests and financial backing of the project to another entity. In particular, GS Power Holdings, LLC, the managing member of Calais LNG, is in the process of selling its interest in the project to a new financial partner for Calais LNG unrelated to GS Power Holdings, LLC. Calais LNG anticipates that this transaction will occur within three weeks (i.e., by August 11, 2010). Upon completion of this transaction, Calais LNG will amend Section 3 of its Site Location of Development application (financial capacity) to reflect the new ownership and financial backing of the project.

Once the new ownership structure is in place and the Site Location application amendment is filed, Calais LNG would anticipate, and welcome, a conference of counsel to address all of the topics identified in the agenda transmitted in the July 15<sup>th</sup> email setting up the July 23<sup>rd</sup> conference of counsel. In the event that the transaction noted above does not close by August 11, 2010, Calais LNG would expect to withdraw all Calais LNG applications filed with the Maine Board of Environmental Protection.

In the meantime, by letters (dated today) to DEP Commissioner Littell and State Planning Office Director Freemen, Calais LNG is, respectively, withdrawing and simultaneously re-filing its CWA § 401 Water Quality Certification request and forwarding an executed stay agreement regarding its request for a Consistency Determination under CZMA § 307. These actions are being taken by Calais LNG to address the conditions contained in your letter of July 14, 2010 regarding postponement of the BEP hearings originally scheduled for July 19-23, 2010.

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In order to allow sufficient lead time for those parties that would be traveling to the conference of counsel currently scheduled for this Friday, Calais LNG respectfully requests that the Chair rule on this request by 11:00 a.m. EDT on Thursday, July 22, 2010.

Very truly yours,

David B. Van Slyke

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cc: David P. Littell, Commissioner - DEP

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