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Susan M. Lessard, Chair Maine Board of Environmental Protection 17 State House Station Augusta, Maine 04333-0017

Re: Calais LNG and Mr. Ian Emery's letter of December 2, 2010

## Dear Chair Lessard:

Please consider the following in your and the Board's deliberations relating to Calais LNG.

In a November 24, 2010 e-mail, Ms. Terry Dawson advised all parties that any party wishing to comment on a letter dated November 23, 2010 from David Van Slyke on behalf of Calais LNG must do so by Monday, December 6, 2010 by 4:00 p.m. Mr. Van Slyke's letter was in response to the Chair's letter of November 19th regarding the status of the Calais LNG application.

Roosevelt Campobello commented on Calais LNG's November 23 letter on November 24, briefly, and in more detail on December 3. Roosevelt Campobello did not support the extension requested by Calais LNG and suggested either Calais LNG withdraw its applications or that the Board deny those applications.

Now, Roosevelt Campobello is in receipt of Mr. Ian Emery's letter of December 2, 2010 in which he states that North East Energy Development, LLC has purchased all of the interest of GS Power Holdings in relation to the Calais LNG proposal. In addition, Mr. Emery states Calais LNG is renewing discussions with the Carothers to secure title, right and interest to land necessary for the Calais LNG project, and reinitiating efforts to provide additional information previously requested by State agencies that was the cause of the initial postponement of the BEP's hearing.

In addition, Mr. Emery states, "Calais LNG anticipates that it will be able to re-secure TRI and provide updated portions of its applications to address TRI and any other issues by January 15, 2011. Further responses to the additional information requests will be completed and submitted to DEP by Calais LNG by February 15, 2011."

Although Calais LNG anticipates it will do the above, that does not necessarily mean all it anticipates will come to pass. In addition, the Chair stated in her letter of September 16 to Mr. Van Slyke (page two, paragraph 1), that Calais LNG has stated it would likely require an additional six weeks after securing financial backing to supply the technical information previously required by the Department.

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Roosevelt Campobello notes that Calais LNG's initial request for supplying technical information was six weeks. Now that Calais LNG has settled its financial difficulties, and if its request to be allowed until February 15, 2011 to finish preparing its technical information for the Department is granted, it would appear that Calais LNG would receive an additional four weeks - for a total of ten from the date they announced their financial situation settled - to prepare the information. No justification has been provided for the apparent additional time request. As several parties have noted earlier and throughout these deliberations, all these delays do impose time and personnel burdens on every participant, most of whom are either governmental (involving taxpayer dollars) or not-for-profits (involving very limited donation resources).

Roosevelt Campobello sees nothing in Mr. Emery's December 2 letter that changes the fact that Calais LNG did not inform the Board it lacked title, right and interest on August 31 (and, as of December 2, still lacks TRI). Nor does Roosevelt Campobello support a need for further delay as it appears Calais LNG is requesting. Roosevelt Campobello stands by its letter posted December 3, 2010.

Sincerely,

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