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Virginia Plummer, Chair
c/o Terry Hanson
Board of Environmental Protection
17 State House Station
Augusta, ME 04333-0017

RE: Downeast LNG, Inc. and Downeast Pipeline LLC
LNG Terminal and Pipeline, Robbinston, Calais, Baring PLT, Baileyville, and Princeton
L-23432-26-A-N, L-23432-TG-B-N, and A-000960-71-A-N

Dear Chair Plummer:

By this letter, Downeast LNG, Inc. and Downeast Pipeline LLC ("DELNG") propose to withdraw the applications in this proceeding. On September 6, 2007, the Board upheld the Fifth Procedural Order. During the Board's discussion, in response to a question from Ms. Ziegler about whether it is appropriate for the Board to act on DELNG's applications without complete comments from DMR, you commented that DELNG should consider withdrawing and then refile its applications. Assistant Attorney General Bensinger subsequently repeated that suggestion.

DELNG has carefully considered the state of the record in this proceeding and the comments made by you and Ms. Bensinger, and has concluded that, in addition to evidence relating to resolution of DMR's concerns, the Board's review would benefit from additional evidence in other areas as well. DELNG has determined that it should withdraw its pending applications in order to allow it to gather additional evidence relating to questions raised at the public hearing on July 16-20, including (but not limited to) the project's potential impacts on lobster and other fisheries. For example, DELNG believes the record would benefit from the results of additional lobster surveys in Mill Cove and other areas along the coast that have been underway and are continuing through this fall. This and other additional evidence would allow a more complete record for review.

In addition, DELNG understands that the Moosehorn National Wildlife Refuge's review process involving an Appropriateness Determination may result in denial of permission for DELNG's pipeline to pass through Moosehorn NWR. DELNG is working with Moosehorn NWR personnel to reach a decision regarding the proposed routing, but DELNG does not anticipate that those discussions will be completed for several months. The consultation with the

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Moosehorn NWR also may require that DELNG's DEP application be revised to propose an alternate pipeline route that would not pass through the Moosehorn NWR.

For these reasons, DELNG is withdrawing its applications. DELNG expects to refile its applications no earlier than December 17, 2007.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Matthew D. Manahan', is written over a horizontal line. The signature is stylized and cursive.

Matthew D. Manahan

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