

FINAL ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT

ENVIRONMENTAL RECOMMENDATIONS IN DOCKET NO. AB 1109X

February 6, 2014

ABANDONMENT TYPE

The time for comments on the Environmental Assessment (EA) has expired in this:

() Notice of Exemption (X) Petition for Exemption () Regulated Abandonment

(X) NO NEW COMMENTS WERE RECEIVED

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OEA served an Environmental Assessment (EA) for this proceeding on January 24, 2014 for public review and comment. In the EA, OEA recommended three environmental conditions and concluded that the proposed action would not significantly impact the quality of the human environment.

Conclusions

The EA comment period has ended. Accordingly, OEA recommends that the following conditions previously recommended in the EA should be imposed upon any decision granting abandonment authority:

- 1. The City of Belfast, Maine (the City) shall consult with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) prior to beginning salvage activities regarding potential impacts to an active bald eagle nest that has been identified near the project site. The City shall comply with all reasonable recommendations in order to prevent the disturbance of the nest.**
- 2. The City of Belfast, Maine (the City) shall consult with the Maine Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife and the Maine Natural Areas Program prior to beginning salvage activities regarding potential impacts to state threatened and endangered species, species of special concern, and significant wildlife habitats. The City shall comply with these agencies' reasonable recommendations.**
- 3. The City of Belfast, Maine (the City) shall consult with the National Geodetic Survey (NGS) prior to beginning salvage activities. If NGS identifies geodetic station markers that may be affected by the proposed abandonment, the City shall notify NGS at least 90 days prior to beginning salvage activities that will disturb or destroy any geodetic station markers in order to plan for the possible relocation of the geodetic station markers by NGS.**

If the above conditions are imposed, OEA believes that the proposed action will not significantly affect the quality of the human environment.

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