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Effingham Planning Board  
Town of Effingham  
68 School Street  
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Re: Review of Gas Station within the Ossipee Aquifer

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Dear Theresa Swanick, Chair and Planning Board Members

Maine Water Company, Kezar Falls Division is the public water system serving the communities of Parsonsfield, Porter, and Hiram, Maine with safe and reliable drinking water. A sand and gravel aquifer well, in Parsonsfield serves as the primary source of water supply for 400 residential and commercial customers providing water to approximately 1000 people. This primary source of drinking water is located adjacent to the Ossipee River below the Kezar Falls Dam.

The protection and stewardship of the Ossipee Aquifer is critical to the wellbeing of those downstream relying on private and public groundwater wells. Maine Water Company believes source water protection is the most effective approach to safe drinking water. We hope that the Planning Board weighs heavily the concern for potential gasoline and fuel oil contamination of the Ossipee aquifer. Contamination prevention is clearly the most logical method of safeguarding this important and precious aquifer.

Maine Water Company is grateful to provide comments in an effort to ensure protective measures for the Ossipee Aquifer continue.

Sincerely,

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