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VIA ELECTRONIC FILING

Kimberly D. Bose, Secretary Federal Energy Regulatory Commission 888 First Street, N.E. Washington, D.C. 20426

Re: Janesville Central and Beloit (Blackhawk) Hydroelectric Projects (FERC Project Nos. 2347 and 2348)

Notification of Intent to File License Application, Request to Use the Traditional Licensing Process,

Request for Designation of Non-Federal Representative, and Pre-Application Document

Dear Secretary Bose:

Midwest Hydro, LLC (Midwest Hydro), a wholly-owned indirect subsidiary of Eagle Creek Renewable Energy, LLC, is preparing to relicense the Janesville Central Hydroelectric Project (FERC Project No. 2347) (Janesville, Janesville Hydroelectric Project, Project) and the Beloit (Blackhawk) Hydroelectric Project (FERC Project No. 2348) (Beloit, Beloit Hydroelectric Project, Project) (collectively "the Projects") with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC or Commission). Midwest Hydro is the Licensee for both Projects and owns and operates the Projects. The Projects are located on the Rock River in Rock County, Wisconsin. The current FERC licenses expire on August 31, 2024.

In accordance with the Commission's regulations, Midwest Hydro hereby declares its unequivocal intent to begin the relicensing process for each Project by filing the enclosed Notices of Intent (NOI) to file applications for subsequent licenses and a Pre-Application Document (PAD) that includes information for both Projects.¹

Under 18 CFR § 5.3, Midwest Hydro hereby requests approval from the Commission for use of the Traditional Licensing Process (TLP) for each Project, also enclosed.

In accordance with 18 CFR. § 5.5 (c) and 5.6(a)(1) of the Commission's regulations, Midwest Hydro is also distributing electronic copies of the NOIs, requests to use the TLP, and PAD to appropriate federal, state, and interstate resource agencies as well as Indian Tribes, local governments, and members of the public likely to be interested in the relicensing proceedings under this transmittal. This transmittal is being provided to the

¹ Since Midwest Hydro is licensee for both the Janesville and Beloit Hydroelectric Projects, and the Beloit Hydroelectric Project is immediately downstream of the Janesville Hydroelectric Project, both located in Wisconsin, one PAD including known information for both is being submitted.

individuals listed on the attached stakeholder distribution list. These electronic copies are being distributed to each stakeholder on the distribution list via an email, or where an email address is not available, via a hardcopy of this correspondence, with the link or website address to the documents on Eagle Creek Renewable Energy's website (below). Electronic copies are also available on the Commission's eLibrary website at https://elibrary.ferc.gov/idmws/search/fercgensearch.asp and searching for dockets P-2347 and P-2348. Midwest Hydro is also providing two paper courtesy copies of the NOI, TLP Request, and PAD to Commission Staff in the Office of Energy Projects and the Office of General Counsel-Energy Projects as outlined in the Commission's filing guidelines.

Under 18 CFR § (d)(2), the Midwest Hydro has published a notice in the Janesville Gazette, a daily newspaper of general circulation in Rock County. The notice includes the filing date of the NOIs, the requests to use the TLP and PAD; summarizes the documents filed and the basis of the requests to use the TLP; it also includes the project numbers, the licensee's name, address and telephone number; indicates comments are due within 30 days of the filing date, and states respondents must submit comments to the Secretary of the Commission in accordance with filing procedures outlined in the Commission's website at http://FERC.gov.

The NOIs, TLP Requests, and PAD are available for public inspection and copying during normal business hours at the Hedberg Public Library located at 316 S. Main Street, Janesville, WI and at the Beloit Public Library located at 605 Eclipse Boulevard, Beloit, WI as well as on the Project's relicensing website: http://www.eaglecreekre.com/rock-river-relicensing.

As required by 18 CFR § 5.3(d)(1), comments regarding Midwest Hydro's requests to use the TLP to relicense the Projects must be filed with the Commission within 30 days of this filing (by Monday, September 30, 2019) and must reference FERC Project No. 2347 or 2348, as appropriate.

Midwest Hydro believes the Commission will issue a public notice of the NOIs and PAD, and then will issue a Notice of Commencement (NOC) no later than 60 days following the filing of the NOIs, PAD, and TLP Requests. If the Commission approves Midwest Hydro's requests to use the TLP to relicense the Projects, Midwest Hydro will hold a single Joint Meeting that encompasses both Projects and Site Visits for the Projects between 30 and 60 days of the NOC issuance, which is proposed to be conducted no later than Saturday, December 29, 2019. Within 60 days following the Joint Meeting and Site Visits, interested parties must file written comments on the PAD and study requests with the Commission, with a copy provided to Midwest Hydro.

Some of the information included in the PAD is considered Critical Energy Infrastructure Information (CEII) as defined by 18 CFR § 388.113(c). Other confidential financial information as defined by 18 CFR §388.112, is also included in the PAD. This information has been removed from the public version of the PAD and Midwest Hydro respectfully requests such information be treated as privileged.

In accordance with 18 CFR §5.5(e), Midwest Hydro formally requests designation as the Commission's non-federal representative in relicensing the Janesville and Beloit Hydroelectric Projects for consultation under Section 7 of the Endangered Species Act and the joint agency regulations thereunder at 50 CFR part 402 and Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act and implementing regulations at 36 CFR 800.2(c)(4).

If you have any questions regarding this submittal or NOIs, PAD, and TLP Requests please contact me, at (973) 998-8400 or michael.scarzello@eaglecreekre.com.

Sincerely,

Midwest Hydro, LLC

Michael Scarzello

Regulatory Director

Attachments: P-2347 Janesville Central NOI and Request for TLP

P-2348 Beloit NOI and Request for TLP Certificate of Service and Distribution List P-2347 and P-2348 PAD PUBLIC (2 PARTS) P-2347 and P-2348 Exhibit F CUI/CEII

P-2347 and P-2348 Project Net CUI//PRIV

Notice Of Intent to File License Application and Request to Use the Traditional Licensing Process for

JANESVILLE CENTRAL PROJECT (P-2347)

NOTICE OF INTENT BEFORE THE FEDERAL ENERGY REGULATORY COMMISSION TO FILE AN APPLICATION FOR SUBSEQUENT LICENSE JANESVILLE CENTRAL HYDROELECTRIC PROJECT FERC PROJECT NO. 2347

Pursuant to 18 CFR §5.5, Midwest Hydro, LLC ("Licensee" or "Applicant" or "Midwest Hydro"), a wholly-owned indirect subsidiary of Eagle Creek Renewable Energy, LLC, hereby declares to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission its intent to file an Application for a Subsequent License for the Janesville Central Hydroelectric Project No. 2347 ("Project", "Janesville", "Janesville Project" or "Janesville Hydroelectric Project"). The current Project license was issued on September 28, 1994 and expires on August 31, 2024. Accordingly, the Licensee shall file an Application for a Subsequent License no later than August 31, 2022.

The following information is provided consistent with the requirements of 18 CFR §5.5:

(1) Applicants Name and Address:

Applicant's Name: Midwest Hydro, LLC

Address: Eagle Creek Renewable Energy, LLC

116 N. State Street

P.O. Box 167

Neshkoro, WI 54960-0167

Telephone: (973) 998-8400

(2) Project Number:

The FERC Project No. is 2347.

(3) License Expiration Date

August 31, 2024

(4) Statement of Intent to File:

Midwest Hydro unequivocally intends to file an Application for a Subsequent License for the Janesville Hydroelectric Project using the Commission's Traditional Licensing Process (TLP). The Applicant's request and justification for using the TLP is attached hereto.

(5) Type of Principal Project Works to be Licensed:

The Janesville Project consists of the following: (1) a 9-foot high, 207-foot long timber and concrete overflow spillway including 22 inches of flashboards with a crest elevation of 769.1 feet National Geodetic Vertical Datum of 1929 (NGVD) (2) a 9-foot high, 38.3-foot long gated section containing four steel 8-foot high, 7.5-foot long slide gates and one

sluice gate; (3) a 548-acre impoundment as listed in the current license; (4) one 76.3-foot long by 27.5 feet deep powerhouse containing two identical turbine generators with a combined plant capacity of 500 kW; and (5) other related facilities.

(6) Project Location:

State or Territory: Wisconsin
Counties: Rock County
City: Janesville
Waterway: Rock River
Latitude: 42.6849
Longitude: -89.0265

(7) The Installed Capacity of the Project is: 500 kW

Powerhouse

Unit No. 1: 250 kW Unit No. 2: 250 kW

Total: 500 kW

(8) Names and Mailing Addresses of Entities Listed in 18 CFR 5.5(b)(8):

Every county in which any part of the project is located, and in which any Federal facility that is used or to be used by the project is located:

Ms. Lisa Tollefson, Clerk Rock County 51 South Main Street Janesville, WI 53545-3951

The Project uses no federal facilities and occupies no federal lands.

Each city, town or similar political subdivision in which any part of the Project is located, and in which any federal facility that is used or to be used by the Project is located:

The Janesville Hydroelectric Project is located in the City of Janesville, Wisconsin and the reservoir is also located in the Townships of Janesville and Fulton, Wisconsin. It does not use any federal facilities and occupies no federal lands.

Each city or town that has a population of 5,000 or more people and is located within 15 miles of the existing Project dams:

The following cities and towns each have a population of 5,000 or more people (2010 U.S. Census data), and are located within 15 miles of the Project powerhouse:

Ms. Lori Stottler, City Clerk-Treasurer City of Beloit 100 State Street Beloit, WI 53511-6234

Ms. Cindy Hegglund, City Clerk-Treasurer City of Edgerton 12 Albion Street Edgerton, WI 53534-1866

Ms. Judy Walton, City Clerk City of Evansville 31 South Madison Street Evansville, WI 53536-1317

Mr. David Godek, City Clerk-Treasurer City of Janesville PO Box 5005 Janesville, WI 53547-5005

Ms. Leanne Schroeder, City Clerk City of Milton 710 South Janesville Street Milton, WI 53563-1748

Ms. Tracy Patrick, City Clerk City of South Beloit 519 Blackhawk Boulevard, Suite 2 South Beloit, IL 61080-1916 Ms. Christina Stewart, Village Clerk Village of Rockton 110 East Main Street Rockton, IL 61072

Each irrigation district, drainage district, or similar special purpose political subdivision in which any part of the Project is located, and in which any Federal facility that is used or to be used by the Project is located:

There is no irrigation district, drainage district, or similar special purpose political subdivision in which any part of the Project is located or that owns, operates, maintains, or uses any Project facility. The Project uses no federal facilities and occupies no federal lands.

Each irrigation district, drainage district, or similar special purpose political subdivision that owns, operates, maintains, or uses any Project facility or any Federal facility that is or is proposed to be used by the Project:

There is no irrigation district, drainage district, or similar special purpose political subdivision in which any part of the Project is located or that owns, operates, maintains, or uses any Project facility. The Project uses no federal facilities and occupies no federal lands.

Every other political subdivision in the general area of the Project that there is reason to believe would likely be interested in, or affected by, this notification:

There is no other political subdivision in the general area of the Project that there is reason to believe would likely be interested in, or affected by, this notification.

Affected Indian Tribes:

Bryan Newland, Chairman Bay Mills Indian Community of Michigan 12140 W. Lakeshore Drive Brimley, MI 49715-9319

John Barrett, Jr., Chairman Citizen Potawatomi Nation 1601 South Gordon Cooper Drive Shawnee, OK 74801-9002

Karen Diver, Chairwoman Fond du Lac Reservation Business Committee 1720 Big Lake Road Cloquet, MN 55720-9702

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Geoffrey Standingbear, Principal Chief Osage Nation 627 Grandview Avenue Pawhaska, OK 74056-4201

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Rick Peterson, Chairman Red Cliff Band of Lake Superior Chippewa Indians 88455 Pike Road Bayfield, WI 54814-4741 Chris McGeshick, Chairman Sokaogon Chippewa Community Mole Lake Band of Lake Superior Chippewa 3051 Sand Lake Road Crandon, WI 54520-9801

Lewis Taylor, Chairman St. Croix Chippewa Indians of Wisconsin 24663 Angeline Avenue Webster, WI 54893-9246

Shannon Holsey, President Stockbridge-Munsee Community Band of Mohican Indians N8476 MohHeConNuck Road Bowler, WI 54416-9464

Frank White, Chairman Winnebago Tribe of Nebraska PO Box 687 Winnebago, NE 68071

All correspondence and service of documents related to this Notice of Intent and subsequent proceedings should be addressed to:

Mr. Michael Scarzello Regulatory Director Eagle Creek Renewable Energy, LLC 116 State Street PO Box 167 Neshkoro, WI 54960-0167

If you have any questions regarding this Notice of Intent or require additional information please call Mr. Scarzello at 973-998-8400 or Michael.Scarzello@eaglecreekre.com or Shawn Puzen at 920-593-6865 or Shawn.Puzen@MeadHunt.com.

JANESVILLE CENTRAL HYDROELECTRIC PROJECT

FERC PROJECT NO. 2347

REQUEST TO USE THE TRADITIONAL LICENSING PROCESS

Midwest Hydro, LLC (Midwest Hydro or Applicant), Licensee for the Janesville Central Hydroelectric Project (Project or Janesville Hydroelectric Project), is including in this filing a request to use the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission's (FERC) Traditional Licensing Process (TLP) for the Project. Justification for this request, as required by 18 CFR § 5.3, is provided below. Any comments on the Applicant's request to use the TLP must be filed with the Commission within 30 days of the filing date of the request.

Likelihood of Timely License Issuance (18 CFR § 5.3(c)(1)(ii)(A))

Midwest Hydro anticipates FERC will be able to complete the timely issuance of a new license for the Project by approving the use of the TLP. The agencies and Non-Governmental Organizations (NGOs) that are participating in the relicensing have been involved in relicensing proceedings with other hydroelectric projects and have experience using the TLP. In preparing the Pre-Application Document (PAD), Midwest Hydro, agencies, and other stakeholders have informally consulted regarding issues related to the relicensing, and they are aware of the limited number of issues that are likely to be raised during the relicensing proceeding.

As described in Section 2 (*Process Plan and Schedule* (18 CFR § 5.6(d)(1)) of the PAD for the Project, Midwest Hydro intends to complete and distribute the draft license application for the Project by March 31, 2022. The Process Plan and Schedule will allow Midwest Hydro to consult with agencies and other stakeholders regarding study plans, collect and analyze the necessary field data, and incorporate the study results into the final license application.

Complexity of the Resource Issues (18 CFR § 5.3(c)(1)(ii)(B))

The proposed Project is an existing FERC-licensed project of a conventional hydro design that has well-known and understood minimal impacts. As described in the PAD, there is existing resource information available for the project area. Under Article 401 of the FERC license, the Project operates in run-of-river mode during normal operation conditions at reservoir elevations between 768.8 feet NGVD and 769.4 feet NGVD. It has existing minimum flow requirements and resource management plans. The existing minimum flow requirement is established by license Article 402, which states "... the Licensee shall release a minimum flow of 35 cfs or inflow, whichever is less to protect aquatic resources downstream of the Project" and further refined under the Order Modifying and Approving Run-of-River and Minimum Flow Monitoring Plan issued July 31, 1995, to include maintaining a minimum headwater elevation.

Midwest Hydro owns very little upland property associated with the Project and implements a Cultural Resources Management Plan under Article 405 to protect cultural resources of the Project. Under Article 406, Midwest Hydro developed recreation facilities on the previously undeveloped stream banks downstream of the Project. Midwest Hydro does not expect the resource issues to be complex as Midwest Hydro is not proposing changes to project facilities

or operations.

Due to the limited geographic scope of the potential Project impacts, a relatively straightforward relicensing process is envisioned to generate the needed information to support the development of a complete license application. A list of identified resource issues and how these will be addressed in the study program is included in Section 5 (*Preliminary Issues and Studies List (18 CFR § 5.6(d)(4))* of the PAD.

Based upon the information obtained during the questionnaire consultation in preparation of the PAD included in Section 6 (*Consultation in Preparation of the PAD (18 CFR § 5.6(d)(5)*), where Midwest Hydro received resource agency comments in support of the use of the TLP, Midwest Hydro believes that any additional remaining resource issues will be identified through the Joint Agency Public Meeting and Site Visit, and through subsequent consultation activities.

Level of Anticipated Controversy (18 CFR § 5.3(c)(1)(ii)(C))

Midwest Hydro anticipates very limited or no controversy associated with the relicensing of the Project. Midwest Hydro has initiated informal consultation and outreach with the resource agencies and potential stakeholders to gain existing information about Project resources, and to consider resource issues and management goals that will need to be considered during the process.

Midwest Hydro is not anticipating substantial public involvement or interest in the relicensing process given the location and nature of the Project.

Given the low complexity of issues already identified to date at the Project, it is not anticipated that the relicensing process will result in any significant controversy that cannot be resolved within the TLP. Midwest Hydro believes that the TLP is a process that will enable the Applicant and stakeholders to reach agreement on protection, mitigation, and enhancement measures for the Project, as may be determined to be necessary.

Relative Cost of the Traditional Process Compared to the Integrated Process (18 CFR § 5.3(c)(1)(ii)(D))

Midwest Hydro believes that the TLP is the most efficient process to use for the Project, which is characterized by its relatively small size and no proposed changes to the current operation. Given the limited geographic scope of the Project boundary, the limited number of anticipated issues, the limited number of potential stakeholders, and the low level of controversy, Midwest Hydro believes that the TLP is better suited to license the Project from a cost standpoint than the Integrated Licensing Process (ILP). Experience to date at other projects nationwide demonstrates that the ILP is more costly to Licensees compared to the TLP. For projects with limited geographic scope and related issues, significant process cost savings can be realized using the TLP. Midwest Hydro believes that, given the circumstances at this Project, the TLP can be a more efficient relicensing process than the ILP. The Project licensing should proceed smoothly with the TLP, through consultation during designated phases in the process.

The timelines and more flexible nature of the TLP will provide Midwest Hydro and other stakeholders more flexibility to schedule meetings and develop pre-filing documentation. This flexibility will better allow all the relicensing parties to perform such activities in coordination with other ongoing relicensing and routine regulatory activities. The flexibility afforded by following the TLP will help reduce the overall cost of the relicensing effort for both the Licensee and stakeholders.

The Amount of Available Information and Potential for Significant Disputes over Studies (18 CFR § 5.3(c)(1)(ii)(E))

Preparation of the PAD and outreach/consultation with agencies and stakeholders has indicated there is a reasonable amount of available information regarding resources associated with the Project, much of which comes from the previous relicensing and state biological surveys and environmental monitoring. A USGS gage is located downstream of the Project, so an adequate flow record is available. Based on initial informal consultation conducted as part of the preparation of the PAD, it is anticipated that the information contained in the PAD will provide agencies and stakeholders with much of the information necessary to clarify any Project related issues or concerns, and to identify any additional study or data needs to be addressed by Midwest Hydro through the TLP.

As discussed above, the Project has a small footprint and hence an equally limited effect on existing resources. It is Midwest Hydro's intent to conduct its pre-filing consultation in a manner that addresses and resolves, to the extent possible, any differences of opinion with regard to the design and implementation of any necessary studies. Due to the small geographic area of Project impacts, required field information can be collected in a relatively short amount of time. Midwest Hydro does not anticipate significant disputes over any necessary studies.

Other Factors Believed by the Applicant to be Pertinent (18 CFR § 5.3(c)(1)(ii)(F))

In conclusion, Midwest Hydro affirms that for the relicensing of this relatively small, straightforward project, the TLP will provide the most efficient, effective, and least burdensome process for relicensing the Janesville Hydroelectric Project. Midwest Hydro believes that this justification provides good cause for the Commission to grant this request to use the TLP and appreciates the Commission's consideration of this request.

Notice Of Intent to File License Application and Request to Use the Traditional Licensing Process for

BELOIT (BLACKHAWK) PROJECT (P-2348)

NOTICE OF INTENT BEFORE THE FEDERAL ENERGY REGULATORY COMMISSION TO FILE AN APPLICATION FOR SUBSEQUENT LICENSE BELOIT (BLACKHAWK) HYDROELECTRIC PROJECT FERC PROJECT NO. 2348

Pursuant to 18 CFR §5.5, the Midwest Hydro, LLC ("Licensee" or "Applicant" or "Midwest Hydro"), a wholly-owned indirect subsidiary of Eagle Creek Renewable Energy, LLC, hereby declares to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission its intent to file an Application for a Subsequent License for the Beloit (Blackhawk) Hydroelectric Project No. 2348 ("Project" or "Beloit Project" or "Beloit Hydroelectric Project"). The current Project license was issued on June 23, 1994 and expires on August 31, 2024². Accordingly, the Licensee shall file an Application for New License no later than August 31, 2022.

The following information is provided consistent with the requirements of 18 CFR §5.5:

(1) Applicants Name and Address:

Applicant's Name: Midwest Hydro, LLC

Address: Eagle Creek Renewable Energy, LLC

116 N. State Street

P.O. Box 167

Neshkoro, WI 54960-0167

Telephone: (973) 998-8400

(2) Project Number:

The FERC Project No. is 2348.

(3) License Expiration Date

August 31, 2024

(4) Statement of Intent to File:

Midwest Hydro unequivocally intends to file an Application for a Subsequent License for the Beloit Hydroelectric Project using the Commission's Traditional Licensing Process (TLP). The Applicant's request and justification for using the TLP is attached hereto.

(5) Type of Principal Project Works to be Licensed:

² Federal Energy Regulatory Commission. 2018. Order Extending License Terms (FERC Nos. 2348-038, 2373-011, 2446-050). Issued November 13, 2018

The Beloit Project consists of the following: (1) a 38.5-foot long concrete non-overflow dam with a crest elevation of 748.0 feet National Geodetic Vertical Datum of 1929 (NGVD) (2) a 91.1-foot long reinforced concrete gate section consisting of two 30-foot long radial gates with a sill elevation of 736.0 feet NGVD and a stoplog spillway with a sill elevation of 741.2 feet NGVD composed of four-foot long stoplogs; (3) a 81.2 foot long needle section with a sill elevation of 737.3 feet NGVD; (4) a 101.6-foot long slide gate section composed of nine slide gates with a sill elevation of 741.2 feet NGVD; (5) a 485-acre impoundment as listed in the current license; (6) one 37-foot long by 34.5 feet deep powerhouse containing one turbine generator with a capacity of 480 kW; and (7) other related facilities.

(6) Project Location:

State or Territory: Wisconsin Counties: Rock County

City: Beloit
Waterway: Rock River
Latitude: 45.5057
Longitude: -89.0331

(7) The Installed Capacity of the Project is: 480 kW

<u>Powerhouse</u>

Unit No. 1: 480 kW

Total: 480 kW

(8) Names and Mailing Addresses of Entities Listed in 18 CFR 5.5(b)(8):

Every county in which any part of the project is located, and in which any Federal facility that is used or to be used by the project is located:

Ms. Lisa Tollefson, Clerk Rock County 51 South Main Street Janesville, WI 53545-3951

The Project uses no federal facilities and occupies no federal lands.

Each city, town or similar political subdivision in which any part of the Project is located, and in which any federal facility that is used or to be used by the Project is located:

The Beloit Hydroelectric Project is located in the City of Beloit, Wisconsin and the reservoir is also located in the Townships of Beloit and Rock, Wisconsin. It does not use any federal facilities and occupies no federal lands.

Each city or town that has a population of 5,000 or more people and is located within 15 miles of the existing Project dams:

The following cities and towns each have a population of 5,000 or more people (2010 U.S. Census data), and are located within 15 miles of the Project powerhouse:

Ms. Lori Stottler, City Clerk-Treasurer City of Beloit 100 State Street Beloit, WI 53511-6234

Mr. David Godek, City Clerk-Treasurer City of Janesville PO Box 5005 Janesville, WI 53547-5005

Mr. Robert Burden, City Clerk City of Loves Park, IL 100 Heart Boulevard Loves Park, IL 61111-4785

Mr. Tom McNamara, Mayor City of Rockford 425 East State Street Rockford, IL 61104-1014

Ms. Tracy Patrick, City Clerk City of South Beloit 519 Blackhawk Boulevard, Suite 2 South Beloit, IL 61080-1916

Ms. Christina Stewart, Village Clerk Village of Rockton 110 East Main Street Rockton, IL 61072

Each irrigation district, drainage district, or similar special purpose political subdivision in which any part of the Project is located, and in which any Federal facility that is used or to be used by the Project is located:

There is no irrigation district, drainage district, or similar special purpose political subdivision in which any part of the Project is located or that owns, operates, maintains, or uses any Project facility. The Project uses no federal facilities and occupies no federal lands.

Each irrigation district, drainage district, or similar special purpose political subdivision that owns, operates, maintains, or uses any Project facility or any Federal facility that is or is proposed to be used by the Project:

There is no irrigation district, drainage district, or similar special purpose political subdivision in which any part of the Project is located or that owns, operates, maintains, or uses any Project facility. The Project uses no federal facilities and occupies no federal lands.

Every other political subdivision in the general area of the Project that there is reason to believe would likely be interested in, or affected by, this notification:

There is no other political subdivision in the general area of the Project that there is reason to believe would likely be interested in, or affected by, this notification.

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Mr. Michael Scarzello Regulatory Director Eagle Creek Renewable Energy, LLC 116 State Street PO Box 167 Neshkoro, WI 54960-0167

If you have any questions regarding this Notice of Intent or require additional information please call Mr. Scarzello at 973-998-8400 or Michael.Scarzello@eaglecreekre.com or Shawn Puzen at 920-593-6865 or Shawn.Puzen@MeadHunt.com.

BELOIT (BLACLHAWK) HYDROELECTRIC PROJECT

FERC PROJECT NO. 2348 REQUEST TO USE THE TRADITIONAL LICENSING PROCESS

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Likelihood of Timely License Issuance (18 CFR § 5.3(c)(1)(ii)(A))

Midwest Hydro anticipates FERC will be able to complete the timely issuance of a new license for the Project by approving the use of the TLP. The agencies and Non-Governmental Organizations (NGOs) that are participating in the relicensing have been involved in relicensing proceedings with other hydroelectric projects and have experience using the TLP. In preparing the Pre-Application Document (PAD), Midwest Hydro, agencies, and other stakeholders have informally consulted regarding issues related to the relicensing, and they are aware of the limited number of issues that are likely to be raised during the relicensing proceeding.

As described in Section 2 (*Process Plan and Schedule* (18 CFR § 5.6(d)(1)) of the PAD for the Project, Midwest Hydro intends to complete and distribute the draft license application for the Project by March 31, 2022. The Process Plan and Schedule will allow Midwest Hydro to consult with agencies and other stakeholders regarding study plans, collect and analyze the necessary field data, and incorporate the study results into the final license application.

Complexity of the Resource Issues (18 CFR § 5.3(c)(1)(ii)(B))

The proposed Project is an existing FERC-licensed project of a conventional hydro design that has well-known and understood minimal impacts. As described in the PAD, there is existing resource information available for the project area. Under Article 401 of the FERC License, the Project operates in run-of-river mode during normal operation conditions at reservoir elevations between 744.4 feet NGVD and 745.0 feet NGVD.

Midwest Hydro owns very little upland property associated with the Project and implements a Historic Resources Management Plan under Article 405 to protect cultural resources of the Project. Under Article 406, Midwest Hydro provided \$5,000 for the construction of a carry-in access facility downstream of the dam. Midwest Hydro does not expect the resource issues to be complex as Midwest Hydro is not proposing changes to project facilities or operations.

Due to the limited geographic scope of the potential Project impacts, a relatively straightforward relicensing process is envisioned to generate the needed information to support the development of a complete license application. A list of identified resource issues and how these will be addressed in the study program is included in Section 5 (*Preliminary*

Issues and Studies List (18 CFR § 5.6(d)(4)) of the PAD.

Based upon the information obtained during the questionnaire consultation in preparation of the PAD included in Section 6 (*Consultation in preparation of the PAD (18 CFR § 5.6(d)(5)*) where Midwest Hydro received resource agency comments in support of the use of the TLP, Midwest Hydro believes that any additional remaining resource issues will be identified through the Joint Agency Public Meeting and Site Visit, and through subsequent consultation activities.

Level of Anticipated Controversy (18 CFR § 5.3(c)(1)(ii)(C))

Midwest Hydro anticipates very limited or no controversy associated with the relicensing of the Project. Midwest Hydro has initiated informal consultation and outreach with the resource agencies and potential stakeholders to gain existing information about Project resources, and to consider resource issues and management goals that will need to be considered during the process.

Midwest Hydro is not anticipating substantial public involvement or interest in the relicensing process given the location and nature of the Project.

Given the low complexity of issues already identified to date at the Project, it is not anticipated that the relicensing process will result in any significant controversy that cannot be resolved within the TLP. Midwest Hydro believes that the TLP is a process that will enable the license applicant and the stakeholders to reach agreement on protection, mitigation, and enhancement measures for the Project, as may be determined to be necessary.

Relative Cost of the Traditional Process Compared to the Integrated Process (18 CFR § 5.3(c)(1)(ii)(D))

Midwest Hydro believes that the TLP is the most efficient process to use for the Project, which is characterized by its relatively small size and no proposed changes to the current operation. Given the limited geographic scope of the Project boundary, the limited number of anticipated issues, the limited number of potential stakeholders, and the low level of controversy, Midwest Hydro believes that the TLP is better suited to license the Project from a cost standpoint than the Integrated Licensing Process (ILP). Experience to date at other projects nationwide demonstrates that the ILP is more costly to licensees compared to the TLP. For projects with limited geographic scope and related issues, significant process cost savings can be realized using the TLP. Midwest Hydro believes that, given the circumstances at this Project, the TLP can be a more efficient relicensing process than the ILP. The Project licensing should proceed smoothly with the TLP, through consultation during designated phases in the process.

The timelines and more flexible nature of the TLP will provide Midwest Hydro and other stakeholders more flexibility to schedule meetings and develop pre-filing documentation. This flexibility will better allow all the relicensing parties to perform such activities in coordination with other ongoing relicensing and routine regulatory activities. The flexibility afforded by following the TLP will help reduce the overall cost of the relicensing effort for both the Licensee

and stakeholders.

The Amount of Available Information and Potential for Significant Disputes over Studies (18 CFR § 5.3(c)(1)(ii)(E))

Preparation of the PAD and outreach/consultation with agencies and stakeholders has indicated there is a reasonable amount of available information regarding resources associated with the Project, much of which comes from the previous relicensing and state biological surveys and environmental monitoring. A USGS gage is located upstream of the Project, so an adequate flow record is available. Based on initial informal consultation conducted as part of the preparation of the PAD, it is anticipated that the information contained in the PAD will provide agencies and stakeholders with much of the information necessary to clarify any Project related issues or concerns, and to identify any additional study or data needs to be addressed by Midwest Hydro through the TLP.

As discussed above, the Project has a limited footprint and hence an equally limited effect on existing resources. It is Midwest Hydro's intent to conduct its pre-filing consultation in a manner that addresses and resolves, to the extent possible, any differences of opinion with regard to the design and implementation of any necessary studies. Due to the small geographic area of Project impacts, required field information can be collected in a relatively short amount of time. Midwest Hydro does not anticipate significant disputes over any necessary studies.

Other Factors Believed by the Applicant to be Pertinent (18 CFR § 5.3(c)(1)(ii)(F))

In conclusion, Midwest Hydro affirms that for the relicensing of this relatively small, straightforward project, the TLP will provide the most efficient, effective, and least burdensome process for relicensing the Beloit Hydroelectric Project. Midwest Hydro believes that this justification provides good cause for the Commission to grant this request to use the TLP and appreciates the Commission's consideration of this request.

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that I, on behalf of Midwest Hydro, LLC have this day caused to be served, either by First Class Mail, delivery service, or electronic mail, the Notices of Intent to File Applications for Subsequent Licenses upon all interested parties designated on the attached distribution list, which includes, but is not limited to all interested parties designated on the service lists for the Janesville Central Hydroelectric Project, Project No. 2347 and Beloit (Blackhawk) Hydroelectric Project No. 2348, in accordance with Rule 2010 of the Rules of Practice and Procedure, 18 CFR §385.2010.

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