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Ms. Kimberly D. Bose, Secretary Federal Energy Regulatory Commission 888 First Street, NE Washington, DC 20426

Subject: <u>Draft Application for Subsequent Licenses for Minor Water Power Projects</u>

Janesville Central Hydroelectric Project (FERC Project No. 2347)
Beloit Blackhawk Hydroelectric Project (FERC Project No. 2348)

Dear Secretary Bose:

Midwest Hydro, LLC (Midwest Hydro, Licensee, or Applicant), an indirect wholly owned subsidiary of Eagle Creek Renewable Energy, LLC is the owner and operator of the Janesville Central Hydroelectric Project (Janesville Project) (FERC No. 2347) and the Beloit Blackhawk Hydroelectric Project (Beloit Project) (FERC No. 2348). Both Projects are located on the Rock River in Rock County, Wisconsin. The Janesville Project is located in the Towns of Janesville and Fulton and the City of Janesville. The Beloit Project is located in the Towns of Beloit and Rock and the City of Beloit. The current licenses expire on August 31, 2024.

In accordance with 18 CFR 4.32 (h), Midwest Hydro is hereby filing the Draft License Application for the relicensing of the Janesville and Beloit Hydroelectric Projects. The Licensee has prepared this DLA to conform to the requirements of the Commission's regulations at 18 CFR §§ 4.38, 4.61, and 16.10 as required under the Traditional Licensing Process (TLP) that was approved by the Commission on October 16, 2019. Pursuant to 18 CFR § 4.38 and by copy of this letter (via email and/or US mail), the Licensee is providing a link to the Project's relicensing website at https://www.eaglecreekre.com/facilities/operating-facilities/rock-river-hydro-facilities/rock-river-relicensing-information. From this website, an electronic copy of the public portions of the DLA may be downloaded for review by relevant resource agencies, tribes, non-governmental organizations, and other potential interested parties included in the attached distribution list. Written comments are due within 90 days of the date of this filing. Should stakeholders experience difficulty downloading the document or prefer to receive an electronic version on a USB drive via US mail, they may contact Melissa Sonnleitner at 920-293-4628 ext. 347 or Melissa.Sonnleitner@eaglecreekre.com.

It should be noted that there are five differences between the information filed with the Commission and the information provided to the stakeholders. The differences are as follows:

Exhibit F drawings included in Volume 2 contain Critical Energy Infrastructure Information (CEII).
 As such, Midwest Hydro has filed the CEII Version of Volume 2 with the Commission designated as CEII.

- Appendices E-33 and E-34 included in Volume 3 contain privileged threatened and endangered resources locational information. As such, Midwest Hydro has filed Appendices E-33 and E-34 separately with the Commission and designated the information as privileged.
- Appendices E-36 and E-37 included in Volume 3 contain privileged archaeological site locational information. As such Midwest Hydro has filed Appendices E-36 and E-37 separately and designated the information as privileged.

Should you have any questions, please contact Melissa Sonnleitner at 920-293-4628 ext. 347 or Melissa.Sonnleitner@eaglecreekre.com.

Sincerely,

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Enclosure

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Certificate of Service

I hereby certify that I, on behalf of Midwest Hydro, LLC, have this day served by either First Class Mail,
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Dated this 30th day of March, 2022

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