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Ms. Kimberly D. Bose, Secretary
Federal Energy Regulatory Commission
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Subject: **Draft Application for Subsequent License for the Rockton Hydroelectric Project (FERC No. 2373) and New License for the Dixon Hydroelectric Project (FERC No. 2466)**

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 Rockton Hydroelectric Project (Rockton Project) (FERC No. 2373). STS Hydropower (STS Hydro, Licensee, or Applicant) an indirect wholly owned subsidiary of Eagle Creek, is the owner and operator of the Dixon Hydroelectric Project (Dixon Project) (FERC No 2466)¹. The Rockton Project is located on the Rock River, in the Township of Rockton, Village of Rockton, and City of South Beloit in Winnebago County, Illinois. The Dixon Project is located on the Rock River in the Township of Dixon and City of Dixon in Lee County, Illinois. The current licenses expire on August 31, 2024.

In accordance with 18 CFR 4.32 (h), Midwest Hydro and STS Hydropower are hereby filing the Draft License Application for the relicensing of the Rockton and Dixon Hydroelectric Projects.² 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

¹ Throughout the documents included with this transmittal, Rockton and Dixon are individually referred to as Project or collectively as Projects. Additionally, Midwest Hydro and STS Hydro are individually referred to as Licensee or collectively as Licensees.

² Since Midwest Hydro and STS Hydro are wholly owned, indirect subsidiaries of Eagle Creek and both are located on the Rock River in Illinois with the Dixon Project being the next FERC-Licensed Project downstream of the Rockton Project, one Application for both Projects is being submitted.

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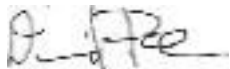
prefer to receive an electronic version on a USB drive via US mail, they may contact Melissa Sonnleitner at 920-293-4628 ext. 347 or melissa.sonnleitner@eaglecreekre.com.

It should be noted that there are two 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, the Licensee has filed the CEII Version of Volume 2 with the Commission designated as CEII.
- Appendices E-16 and E-17 included in Volume 3 contain privileged archaeological site locational information. As such Midwest Hydro and STS Hydropower has filed Appendices E-16 and E-17 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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Certificate of Service

I hereby certify that I, on behalf of Midwest Hydro, LLC, have this day served by either First Class Mail, delivery service, or electronic mail the foregoing documents in electronic format upon each person designated on the attached distribution list.

Dated this 30th day of March, 2022



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