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Please submit any comments within 30 days from the date of this notice. Comments should be addressed to Lois D. Cashell, Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426. Please affix Project No. 11437 to all comments. For further information, please contact Mark Pawlowski, Environmental Coordinator, at (202) 219-2795.

Lois D. Cashell,  
Secretary.

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### Notice of Application Ready for Environmental Analysis

December 31, 1996.

Take notice that the following hydroelectric application has been filed with the Commission and is available for public inspection:

- a. Type of Application: New Major License.
- b. Project No.: 1984-056.
- c. Date filed: January 25, 1996.
- d. Applicant: Wisconsin River Power Company.
- e. Name of Project: Petenwell and Castle Rock Hydroelectric Project.
- f. Location: On the Wisconsin River in Adams, Juneau, and Wood Counties, Wisconsin.
- g. Filed pursuant to: Federal Power Act, 16 USC 791(a)-825(r).
- h. Applicant Contact: Richard L. Hilliker, President, Wisconsin River Power Company, P.O. Box 8050, Wisconsin Rapids, WI 54495-8050, (715) 422-3722.
- i. FERC Contact: Frank Karwoski at (202) 219-2782.
- j. Deadline Date: See standard paragraph D10.
- k. Status of Environmental Analysis: This application has been accepted for filing and is ready for environmental analysis at this time.
- l. Description of Project: The Petenwell and Castle Rock project consists of the 20-MW Petenwell Development and the 15-MW Castle Rock Development. Together these developments provide average annual generation of about 200,000 Mwh. Wisconsin River Power Company (WRPCo) is owned by Consolidated Water Power Company (CWPCo), Wisconsin Public Service Corporation (WPSC), and Wisconsin Power & Light Company (WP&L). These owners each use about one-third of the project's power.

Project operation and administration is provided by CWPCo. Maintenance

and plant surveillance is provided by WRPCo. The project is operated on a seasonal basis for flood control, power generation, and recreation enhancement. The Petenwell Development is operated in a peaking mode when river flows fall below the development's hydraulic capacity, although it is generally operated such that daily average outflows equal inflows. The reservoir's water level varies seasonally to provide for flood control, reservoir recreation, and downstream power production. The Castle Rock Development is operated in a modified run-of-river mode allowing some peaking superimposed on a base-level flow and providing for a recreation flow through the Wisconsin Dells.

*Petenwell Development*—The Petenwell Development consists of: (1) a reservoir with a drainage area of 5,800 square miles, a normal surface area of 25,180 acres and a storage volume of 495,000 acre-feet at the normal operating water surface elevation of 923.9 feet NGVD which is controlled by Petenwell Dam located at river mile 171.9 on the Wisconsin River in Wisconsin; (2) and East Dike which is 7,000 feet long and 20 feet high with top width of 12 feet at a crest elevation of 933.9 feet NGVD and side slopes of 2.5H:1V, constructed of compacted sand with riprapped upstream face; (3) an East Dam which is 8,000 feet long and 50 feet high with top width of 12 feet at a crest elevation of 933.9 feet NGVD and side slopes of 2.5H:1V, constructed of compacted sand with riprapped upstream face and gravel toe drains; (4) a West Dike which is five miles long and 20 feet high with top width of 12 feet at a crest elevation of 933.9 feet NGVD and side slopes of 2.5H:1V, constructed of compacted sand with riprapped upstream face and gravel toe drains; (5) a West Dam which is 500 feet long and 50 feet high with top width of 12 feet at a crest elevation of 933.9 feet NGVD and side slopes of 2.5H:1V, constructed of compacted sand with riprapped upstream face and gravel toe drains; (6) a 525-foot-long concrete overflow spillway with 30-foot-deep sheetpile cutoff and a crest elevation of 905.9 feet NGVD, with 15 radial gates, each 30 feet wide and 18 feet high, operated by individual hydraulic cylinder hoists and separated by concrete piers; (7) a regulating bay containing one electric chain hoist operating a 30-foot-wide by 18-foot-high radial gate and a stilling basin separated from the rest of the spillway by a concrete wall; (8) a 159-foot-long powerhouse with 110-foot-wide concrete substructure, including intake and draft tubes, 50-foot-wide

masonry superstructure and truss supported roof, containing four turbine/generating units having a total rated capacity of 20 MW and total hydraulic capacity of 6,720 cfs, protected by trashracks with 4.5-inch openings; (9) four S. Morgan Smith 110-inch diameter four-blade vertical Kaplan turbines with rated head of 41 feet and rated output of 7,200 horsepower, operating at 163.6 rpm and controlled by Woodward type H.R. governors rated at 60,000 ft-lbs; (10) four vertical General Electric synchronous generators operating at 163.6 rpm with power factor of 0.8 rated at 6,250 KVA; (11) a switchyard containing two Westinghouse 6.9/138 Kv power transformers rated at 15 MVA; and (12) accessory equipment including a 50-ton overhead traveling crane in the powerhouse, two gantry cranes, a compressed air system, spillway bubbler system, and a battery bank.

*Castle Rock Development*—The Castle Rock Development consists of: (1) a reservoir with a drainage area of 6,870 square miles, a normal surface area of 14,900 acres and a storage volume of 136,000 acre-feet at the normal operating water surface elevation of 881.9 feet NGVD which is controlled by Castle Rock Dam located at river mile 156.7 on the Wisconsin River in Wisconsin; (2) an East Dike which is 3.3 miles long and less than 25 feet high with top width of 12 feet at a crest elevation of 891.4 feet NGVD and side slopes of 2.5H:1V, constructed of compacted sand with riprapped upstream face; (3) an earth dam which is 1,400 feet long and 45 feet high with top width of 12 feet at a crest elevation of 891.4 feet NGVD and side slopes of 2.5H:1V, constructed of compacted sand with riprapped upstream face and gravel toe drains; (4) a saddle dike which is 500 feet long; (5) a 590-foot-long concrete overflow spillway with 35-foot-deep sheetpile cutoff and a crest elevation of 863.4 feet NGVD with 17 radial gates, each 30 feet wide and 18 feet high, operated by individual hydraulic cylinder hoists and separated by concrete piers; (6) a regulating bay containing one electric chain hoist operated 30-foot-wide by 18-foot-high radial gate and stilling basin separated from the rest of the spillway by a concrete wall; (7) a 193-foot-long powerhouse with 107-foot-wide concrete substructure, including intake and draft tubes, 50-foot-wide masonry superstructure and truss supported roof, containing five turbine/generating units having a total rated capacity of 15 MW and total hydraulic capacity of 7,520 cfs protected by trashracks with 4.5-inch openings; (8) five S. Morgan Smith 110-

inch diameter four-blade vertical Kaplan turbines with rated head of 28 feet and rated output of 4,370 horsepower operating at 150 rpm; (9) five vertical Allis Chalmers synchronous generators operating at 150 rpm with power factor of 0.8 rated at 3,750 KVA; (10) a switchyard containing two 4.2/69 Kv power transformers rated at 15 MVA; (11) accessory equipment including a 34-ton overhead traveling crane in the powerhouse, two gantry cranes, a compressed air system, spillway bubbler system, and a battery bank; and (12) three parcels of land owned by the United States comprising a total of 3.71 acres.

m. Purpose of Project: Project power would be provided to CWPCo, WPSC, and WP&L; who would either use the power or utilize it for sale to their customers.

n. This notice also consists of the following standard paragraphs: A4 and D10.

o. Available Locations of Application: A copy of the application is available for inspection and reproduction at the Commission's Public Reference and Files Maintenance Branch, located at 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426 or by calling (202) 208-1371. A copy is also available for inspection and reproduction at Richard L. Hilliker, President, Wisconsin River Power Company, P.O. Box 8050, Wisconsin Rapids, WI 54495-8050, (715) 422-3722.

A4. Development Application—Public notice of the filing of the initial development application, which has already been given, established the due date for filing competing applications or notices of intent. Under the Commission's regulations, any competing development application must be filed in response to and in compliance with the public notice of the initial development application. No competing applications or notices of intent may be filed in response to this notice.

D10. Filing and Service of Responsive Documents—The application is ready for environmental analysis at this time, and the Commission is requesting comments, reply comments, recommendations, terms and conditions, and prescriptions.

The Commission directs, pursuant to section 4.34(b) of the regulations (see Order No. 533 issued May 8, 1991, 56 Fed. Reg. 23108 (May 20, 1991)), that all comments, recommendations, terms and conditions and prescriptions concerning the application be filed with the Commission within 60 days from issuance date of this notice. All reply comments must be filed with the

Commission within 105 days from the date of this notice.

Anyone may obtain an extension of time for these deadlines from the Commission only upon a showing of good cause or extraordinary circumstances in accordance with 18 CFR 385.2008.

All filings must: (1) bear in all capital letters the title "COMMENTS", "REPLY COMMENTS", "RECOMMENDATIONS", "TERMS AND CONDITIONS", or "PRESCRIPTIONS"; (2) set forth in the heading the name of the applicant and the project number of the application to which the filing responds; (3) furnish the name, address, and telephone number of the person submitting and filing; and (4) otherwise comply with the requirements of 18 CFR 385.2001 through 385.2005. All comments, recommendations, terms and conditions or prescriptions must set forth their evidentiary basis and otherwise comply with the requirements of 18 CFR 4.34(b). Any of these documents must be filed by providing the original and the number of copies required by the Commission's regulations to: Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426. An additional copy must be sent to: Director, Division of Licensing and Compliance, Office of Hydropower Licensing, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, at the above address. Each filing must be accompanied by proof of service on all persons listed in the service list prepared by the Commission in this proceeding, in accordance with 18 CFR 4.34(b) and 385.2010.

Lois D. Cashell,

Secretary.

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#### Notice of Application Ready for Environmental Analysis

December 31, 1996.

Take notice that the following hydroelectric application has been filed with the Commission and is available for public inspection:

a. Type of Application: Minor License.

b. Project No.: P-11428-000.

c. Date Filed: August 5, 1993.

d. Applicant: The City of St. Louis, Michigan.

e. Name of Project: Municipal Dam Hydro Project.

f. Location: On the Pine River, in The City of St. Louis, Gratiot County, Michigan.

g. Filed Pursuant to: Federal Power Act 16 U.S.C. §§ 791(a)-825(r).

h. Applicant Contact: Nancy Roehrs, 108 West Saginaw Street, St. Louis, MI 48880, (517) 681-2137.

i. FERC Contact: Ed Lee, (202) 219-2809.

j. Deadline Date: See paragraph D9.

k. Status of Environmental Analysis: This application has been accepted for filing and is ready for environmental analysis at this time—see attached paragraph D9.

l. Description of Project: The existing project consists of the following: (1) A 21-foot-high, 126-foot-long reinforced concrete dam surmounted by six 19-foot-wide, 8-foot-high radial gates; (2) a 60-foot-long left embankment, 55-foot-long center embankment, and 250-foot-long right embankment; (3) a 1,575-acre-foot reservoir at a normal water surface elevation of 719 feet; (4) a gated 18-foot-wide, 12-foot-deep intake flume; (5) a powerhouse containing two generating units rated at 225-kW for a total installed capacity of 450-kW; (6) a tailrace; (7) a short 2400-volt transmission line; and (8) appurtenant electric and mechanical facilities. The applicant estimates the average annual generation for this project would be 1,599 MWh. The dam and existing project facilities are owned by the applicant.

m. This notice also consists of the following standard paragraphs: A4 and D9.

n. Available Location of Application: A copy of the application, as amended and supplemented, is available for inspection and reproduction at the Commission's Public Reference and Files Maintenance Branch, located at 888 First Street, NE., Room 2A-1, Washington, DC 20426, or by calling (202) 208-2326. A copy is also available for inspection and reproduction at the City of St. Louis, 108 Saginaw Street, St. Louis, MI 48880, or by calling (517) 681-2137.

o. Scoping Process: In gathering background information for preparation of the environmental document for the issuance of a Federal hydropower license, staff of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, is using a scoping process to identify significant environmental issues related to the construction and operation or the continued operation of hydropower projects. The staff will review all issues raised during the scoping process and identify issues deserving of study and also deemphasize insignificant issues, narrowing the scope of the environmental analysis as well. If preliminary analysis indicates that any issues presented in the scoping process would have little potential for causing significant impacts, the issue or issues