



March 4, 2014

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

Re: River Falls Hydroelectric Project, FERC Project No. P-10489  
Public Meeting and Site Visit – First Stage Consultation

Dear Secretary Bose,

In compliance with 18 CFR §§4.38(b)(3) and (b)(4), the City of River Falls and the River Falls Municipal Utilities is hereby inviting all resource agencies, Indian tribes, and members of the public to attend a public meeting and site visit as part of the first stage consultation process for the relicensing of the River Falls Hydroelectric Project, FERC Project No. P-10489.

This will be an opportunity for all interested parties to discuss the resource needs and management objectives of the project, discuss the information still needed and the studies to be done, and timeframe for study completion and review.

Prior to the public meeting, there will be an informational session held at the regular meeting of the City of River Falls Utility Advisory Board on Monday, March 17, 2014 at 6:30pm. It will be in the Council Chambers of City Hall, at 222 Lewis Street. The informational session will be an opportunity for all interested parties to view an introduction of the hydroelectric facility and the relicensing process. An opportunity for public comment will follow the presentation and we ask that the comments at this meeting be limited to questions or comments about the facility or licensing process. The regular Utility Advisory Board meeting will follow.

The public meeting and site visit, as required by the first stage of consultation in 18 CFR §4.38, will be held on Monday, March 24, 2014. It will be at the River Falls Power Plant on Winter Street, and will begin with a brief introduction and site visit to the facility at 3:30pm. The attached map includes directions to the facility and a schedule of events. The tour will begin at 4:00pm and will include a visit to the Junction Falls Dam. Due to the anticipated snow coverage and related access and safety issues, we will not be visiting the lower dam at Powell Falls.

The public meeting will continue at 5:30pm in the Training Room (lower level) of City Hall at 222 Lewis Street. The attached map includes directions from the Power Plant to City Hall. Per FERC regulation 18 CFR §4.38(b)(4), this meeting will be recorded by audio and may be requested by interested parties.

The *Tentative Agenda* for the Public Meeting on March 24, 2014 includes:

**1. Introduction by City of River Falls**

- a. Review of Meeting Purpose
- b. Description of Licensing Requirements
- c. Review of Pre-Application Document

**2. Agency and Public Comments**

- a. Members of the public are entitled to participate and to express their views regarding resource issues that should be addressed in any application for license that may be filed by the City of River Falls.

**3. Action Items**

- a. Discussion of current and potential resources needs and management objectives of the project area.
- b. Discussion of information needed and studies to be completed.
- c. Agreement on timeframe for study completion and review of results.

The Pre-Application Document was previously provided to resource agencies, Indian tribes, and members of the public. Copies will be available for public viewing at the informational session and public meeting. One copy is still available for inspection at the River Falls Public Library at 140 Union Street.

Please note that, per FERC regulation 18 CFR §4.38(b)(5), written comments regarding the pre-application document, the necessary studies to be performed, and the information to be provided by the City are due no later than Friday, May 23, 2014 (60 days after the March 24, 2014 meeting).

If you or any resource agency, Indian tribe, or member of the public has any questions or comments about the information contained in this letter, please contact Ray French at [rfrench@rfcity.org](mailto:rfrench@rfcity.org) or 715-426-3437.

Sincerely,

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# River Falls Hydroelectric Project

## Site Visit & Public Meeting

March 24, 2014

### Schedule of Events

- 3:30P.M. Power Plant
- 4:00P.M. Tour of Junction Falls Dam
- 5:30P.M. City Hall – Training Room (lower level)

### Directions to Power Plant from I-94

1. Take Exit 3 onto WI-35 South
2. Exit onto North Main Street
3. Continue through River Falls Downtown
4. Turn Right onto W Cascade Avenue
5. Slight Right onto Winter Street
6. Power Plant on Left after Bridge

### Directions from Power Plant to City Hall

1. Continue West on Winter Street
2. Turn Right onto W Maple Street
3. Turn Left onto Lewis Street
4. Public Meeting will be held in Training Room on Lower Level of City Hall

