

January 27, 2012

Ms. Cheryl Laatsch
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Re: Request for pre-application guidance
Restoration of hydropower generation at Indianford Dam, Rock County

via: EMAIL

Dear Cheryl,

Thank you for meeting with us last week at GEF2. We appreciated your comments and suggestions on evaluating the regulatory issues related to hydropower at Indianford Dam. We appreciate your follow-up with FERC on the need for licensing; I think it was a question worth asking.

On behalf of the Rock Koshkonong Lake District, we request DNR's help in advising us on the environmental and regulatory issues that the District will likely be obliged to address if they choose to propose reinstallation of hydropower at Indianford Dam. Our objective is to evaluate the cost and economic viability of the project, so that the Lake District can make a "goal -- no go" decision on pursuing the environmental and technical analyses that will be required in a licensing application. We would like to complete this feasibility review in by April of this year.

We have attached to this letter copies of submittals and responses that were received about 10 years ago in an earlier license exemption pre-application, for your reference. I will contact you in the next few days to discuss your schedule and how we can help expedite your review. Thank you for offering us this assistance. In the meantime, please contact me at 608-223-9585 with any questions.

Sincerely,

Montgomery Associates: Resource Solutions, LLC



Robert J. Montgomery, PE
Principal

Enclosures

Copies to: Brian Christianson, rock Koshkonong Lake district
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