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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

FEDERAL ENERGY REGULATORY COMMISSION

[Project No. 10805-057]

**Midwest Hydraulic Company, LLC; Notice of Emergency Drawdown and
Temporary Variance and Soliciting Comments**

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

- a. Types of Application: Temporary Emergency Drawdown and Variance from License Article 401
- b. Project No.: P-10805-057
- c. Date Filed: August 18, 2017
- d. Applicants: Midwest Hydraulic Company, LLC
- e. Name of Projects: Hatfield Hydroelectric Project
- f. Location: The project is located on the Black River, in the Township of Hatfield, in Jackson and Clarke counties, Wisconsin
- g. Filed Pursuant to: Federal Power Act, 16 USC 791a-825r.
- h. Applicant Contact: Mr. Dwight Bowler, Midwest Hydraulic Company, LLC, c/o Black River Partners, 813 Jefferson Hill Road, Nassau, New York (518) 766-2753
- i. FERC Contact: Ms. Rebecca Martin, (202) 502-6012, Rebecca.Martin@ferc.gov
- j. Deadline for filing comments, is 30 days from the issuance date of this notice by the Commission. All documents may be filed electronically via the Internet. See, 18 CFR

385.2001(a)(1)(iii) and the instructions on the Commission's web site at <http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/efiling.asp>. If unable to be filed electronically, documents may be paper-filed. To paper-file, an original and seven copies should be mailed to: Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE, Washington, DC 20426. Commenters can submit brief comments up to 6,000 characters, without prior registration, using the eComment system at <http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/ecomment.asp>. You must include your name and contact information at the end of your comments. Please include the project number (P-10805-057) on any comments, motions, or recommendations filed.

k. **Description of Request:** The licensee must lower the reservoir as a risk reduction measure to prevent additional scouring below the project spillways during high flow events. The drawdown is also necessary to safely construct repairs below the spillway. The drawdown would begin on September 5, 2017 at a rate of 0.50 feet per day for a total drawdown of 5.5 feet to elevation 877 National Geodetic Vertical Datum (NGVD). Article 401 of the project license requires the licensee to maintain a target reservoir surface elevation of Lake Arbutus of 882.5 ± 0.25 feet NGVD at least 50 percent of the time and ± 0.5 feet at all times. Article 401 allows the reservoir elevation to be modified temporarily for operating emergencies. The refill of the reservoir is estimated to occur in spring of 2019.

l. **Locations of the Application:** A copy of the application is available for inspection and reproduction at the Commission's Public Reference Room, located at 888 First Street, NE, Room 2A, Washington, DC 20426, or by calling (202) 502-8371. This filing may also be viewed on the Commission's website at <http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/elibrary.asp>. Enter the docket number excluding the last three digits in the docket number field to access the document. You may also register online at <http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/esubscription.asp> to be notified via email of new filings and issuances related to this or other pending projects. For assistance, call 1-866-208-3676 or e-mail FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov, for TTY, call (202) 502-8659. A copy is also available for inspection and reproduction at the address in item (h) above.

m. **Individuals desiring to be included on the Commission's mailing list should so indicate by writing to the Secretary of the Commission.**

n. **Comments:** Anyone may submit comments in accordance with the requirements of Rules of Practice and Procedure, 18 CFR 385.210, .211, .214. Any comments must be received on or before the specified comment date for the particular application.

o. **Filing and Service of Responsive Documents:** Any filing must (1) bear in all capital letters the title COMMENTS, as applicable; (2) set forth in the heading the name of the

applicant and the project number of the application to which the filing responds; and (3) otherwise comply with the requirements of 18 CFR 385.2001 through 385.2005. All comments must set forth their evidentiary basis and otherwise comply with the requirements of 18 CFR 4.34(b). All comments should relate to project works which are the subject of this application. Agencies may obtain copies of the application directly from the applicant. A copy of all other filings in reference to this application 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.

Dated: August 22, 2017.

Kimberly D. Bose,

Secretary.

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