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Subject: Wells Hydroelectric Project No. 2149

Application for new license

Ms. Bose

The City of Bridgeport has had the privilege of working with the Douglas County PUD through their re-licensing process for the past couple of years.

The City was a member of the Recreation Work Group and participated in development of the Recreation Management Plan and associated recreation enhancements. It was a long and informative process in which the City felt their concerns and opinions were listened to and considered valuable to all parties involved.

Bridgeport has entered into an agreement with Douglas County PUD that provides funding for expansion of the City's Marina Park and allows for major operation and maintenance assistance to the City. These agreements make it possible for the City to enhance and expand the park at a time when revenue for the city is down in most areas of our budget and allow us to address the needs of the every growing tourist trade.

The City of Bridgeport has always found Douglas County PUD to be a great partner and a good public servant to the citizens of our community. Because of the great expense and technical difficulty of the license process it seems

only common sense to allow 50 year licensing to those hydroelectric projects which has demonstrated efficiency and diligence in following the rules and regulations within their current license. As such, the City of Bridgeport supports the Wells Project License Application and encourages the Regulatory Commission to allow a 50 year license.

Please do not hesitate to contact this office if questions should arise from this letter.

Respectfully

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Bill Zweigle

Mayor, City of Bridgeport

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