

FEDERAL ENERGY REGULATORY COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20426

OFFICE OF ENERGY PROJECTS

RE: Hydroelectric Licensing Workshop on Integrating State Processes, April 17 - 18,
Milwaukee, Wisconsin

To the Parties Addressed :

Thank you for your interest in attending our Hydroelectric Licensing Workshop on Integrating State Processes on April 17 and 18, in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. The goals of the workshop are to: 1) familiarize Commission Staff with the various states' Water Quality Certification (WQC) processes and Coastal Zone Management (CZM) programs; 2) familiarize state WQC and CZM agencies with the hydroelectric licensing processes; 3) identify common attributes among the various processes; and 4) develop potential ways to integrate the state processes with the licensing processes. We look forward to working with you to achieve these goals. Your participation in this workshop will assist us in our efforts to streamline the hydroelectric licensing process. A more detailed agenda is attached.

The outcome of the workshop will be a report issued jointly by FERC staff and your individual state resource agencies. If our efforts are fruitful, the report will include recommended solutions for more efficient integration of the licensing process with the water quality certifying processes and the CZM programs.

We have reserved a block of rooms at the Clarion Hotel and Conference Center in Milwaukee, Wisconsin:

Clarion Hotel and Conference Center
5311 South Howell Avenue
Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53207
Telephone number (414) 481-2400

The room rate is \$74.00 per night. Please mention that you will be attending the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission workshop.

We request that each invited agency prepare a presentation, for approximately 30 people, describing their process as it relates to the issuance of a WQC or CZM consistency certification and the hydroelectric licensing process. If your agency needs any special accommodations, such as audio or visual equipment, for your presentation, please contact Theresa Gibson at (202) 219-2793. Questions regarding the workshop should be directed to Mark Pawlowski at (202) 219-2795 or Jarrad Kosa at (202) 219-2831.

Sincerely,

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Enclosure

Hydroelectric Licensing Workshop on Integrating State Processes
Mid-West Region Agenda
April 16 and 17, 2002
Milwaukee, Wisconsin

Day One

9:00 Introductions

9:30 FERC Licensing Process (ALP & Traditional) - FERC Staff

10:30 Break

10:45 WQC/CZM Process Presentation (est. 30 minutes per state) - State Staff

12:30 Lunch

1:30 States' Presentations Continue

2:30 Break

2:45 States' Presentations Continue

4:00 End of Day 1

Day Two

9:00 Recap Day 1

9:30 Ways to integrate states' WQC/CZM process and the FERC licensing process

12:30 Lunch

1:30 Continue discussion

3:45 Conclusion/Wrap up

4:00 End of Workshop

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