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RE: FERC Project 1984-056  
Petenwell - Castle Rock

We are writing you to help us obtain a Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) hearing at Lake Petenwell. The basis of our request is simple: FERC has not responded to our properly filed complaint of January 4, 2002 which is approximately 2½ years ago. The License holder, Wisconsin River Power Company (WRPCO), has turned a deaf ear to our requests for compliance with their license and it is impossible for us to protect the public right to use project lands and waters without the assistance of FERC and the willingness of WRPCO to comply with its license.

The Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (WDNR) has done what it can but with this project being a federal license it's difficult for WDNR to effectively pursue the violations of the license due to budget restraints, manpower and governing authority.

I would like to highlight a small portion of what we've accomplished so that you will know that this is not our first rodeo with WRPCO. We organized (not for profit) in 1976 and intervened in WRPCO's license. We met with Senator Gaylord Nelson and Senator Bill Proxmire in Washington, year 1978. At these meetings we discussed the many problems we had with WRPCO and the Senators obliged us by securing an on site five day FERC public hearing in Friendship, Wisconsin. The Petenwell Castle Rock Property Owners Association (PCPOA) proved up every allegation and was successful in establishing a 100 foot set back from the high water mark on all project lands. All of our issues were resolved as a result of this 1978 hearing. The Lakes have a 100 foot buffer strip on all project lands and is to be used jointly by the general public and the land owners behind the buffer strip. This is not happening in many areas of our lakes. The public is being kicked off the property by landowners and businesses behind the 100 foot strip. This is a violation of WRPCO's license. We also have recorded other violations and discussed them with WRPCO, again, NO RESPONSE from WRPCO or FERC.

PCPOA will prove these violations at a FERC hearing just as we did in 1978. We have documentation, pictures and statements from the public, what we need is for FERC to hear us. The PCPOA believes that the only way to deal with WRPCO is to have a FERC hearing. History has proven this point. e.g. The dictates of the Federal government is all that WRPCO responds to. We will prove that sometimes WRPCO "flirts with the truth" in their dealings with FERC.

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