

The Secretary
Federal Energy Regulatory Commission
888 First Street NE
Washington DC 20426

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Re. Metro Hydroelectric Project P-12484-003
Surrender of Preliminary Permit

Metro Hydroelectric Company (MHC) was formed in 2003 specifically to pursue the development of this 2.5MW hydro project and to re-establish green energy generation on a dam built for that purpose.

In these environmentally sensitive times we felt Metro Parks Serving Summit County would welcome a Green renewable project which would support our nation's growing need for clean dependable renewable energy. Especially a green energy project, which would provide the unique benefit of an electric generation facility without energy costs, nor fuel costs and a fixed electric cost for the residents of the community for the next 100 years. As the management team of MHC, we are also local residents, and it saddens us to see how a few opponents of the project denied the community this socially responsible opportunity. However, Metro Parks Serving Summit County has chosen to block our efforts; not even allowing us to conduct the environmental studies which would have demonstrated the benign nature of this project.

One is left to question why the Metro Parks, which promotes living 'green' to all who will listen, would not support a green energy project. This park would not be in place today without the land donation by Ohio Edison in 1929 where hydro power and the park co-existed from 1929 to 1958, when it ceased operation as a hydro facility because of the low cost of coal in the early 1950's. Today coal has increased in cost and the environmental impact of coal is a serious detriment to our society. By re-establishing this hydro facility we would have eliminated the emissions of 2.5 MW of coal generation and the future increased costs associated with coal both financially and environmentally over the next 100 years to the community.

The opponents for this green-renewable energy project- the Park, along with the North East office of the Ohio EPA, and other single priority interest groups, with their penchant for making derogatory statements about our company and its intentions, has put us in an untenable position. We frequently contrasts this to the active support and warm welcome provided by NGOs, communities and agencies in the multiple states where we are actively pursuing hydro projects. Hence as a practical matter we will turn our attention away from Ohio and focus on our mission to develop other hydro projects and now request that the Commission accept the surrender by MHC of its Preliminary Permit P-12484-003.

Respectfully submitted by:

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