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Date: November 15, 2010  
To: Public Works Committee  
From: Karl D. Manthe – Street Superintendent  
Subject: Fourth Street Hydro Project

I had a telephone conversation with Mr. Tom Reiss on Monday November 15, 2010 to discuss the letter I sent him on behalf of the Public Works Committee.

Mr Reiss indicated that he is planning on proceeding with producing hydro power at the Fourth Street location due mainly to some new proposed changes in how license and exemptions are processed through Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) for small hydro operations.

Currently he must follow the same process for licensing that large hydro operation follow that have more environmental issues. The proposed process will be less costly to obtain a license/exemption.

Mr Reiss mentioned that with the new proposed changes, many groups are out trying to purchase existing dams with no knowledge of hydro operation.

The license process for start up of a hydro operation can take up to 5 years, hopefully with the new changes that will be lessen to a shorter timeframe.

Please let me know if you have any questions

