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To: Betzold, Kristina A - DNR
Subject: RE: Estabrook Dam EIR public hearing questions
Date: Sunday, March 13, 2016 11:12:13 PM

Ms Betzold,
I see a lot of recent activity with petitions regarding the Estabrook Dam lately. Does every signature on a petition count as a comment for EIR purposes? If so, are there any time or form related requirements? Would signatures or forms with signatures gathered before the hearing announcement be disqualified? I'm really concerned because the RiverKeeper is hosting an event at a public place with a lot of traffic and potentially a lot of signatures of people who don't care or know about this.

Thanks
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From: Betzold, Kristina A - DNR [mailto:Kristina.Betzold@wisconsin.gov]
Sent: Friday, March 11, 2016 12:36 PM
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Glen, please see below for answers to your questions.

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Dear Ms Betzold,
I have 9 questions. I've read the "dEIS" but would like clarification because of my unfamiliarity with this process and the apparently contradictory comments communicated by various people. Please

respond as soon as possible so I may communicate the information accurately to others.

1. What time will the doors open and what time will the hearing start? (I've seen more than one on your website recently) Doors will open and sign in will start at 5:30pm. The hearing will start at 6pm.
2. How many minutes will each person be allowed to speak on at the Tuesday, March 22, 2016, at the Estabrook Dam EIR public hearing? This will be determined by how many people attend the hearing and indicate they want to speak.
3. What order will the public be allowed to respond? Will the first people to fill out response cards be allowed to speak first? Those who indicate they want to speak will be called in the order they sign in.
4. Are all responses treated equally? Would a letter or email carry more weight than a verbal response at the hearing? Verbal comments at the hearing and written comments are equally considered.
5. Will telephone calls or any other form of response be weighed into this process? Phone calls are not part of the public record, so they will not be considered as comments on the draft EIS, but emailed written comments are considered equal to mailed written comments.
6. I'm not familiar with this process but it looks as if Milwaukee County could have chosen a different, simpler process. Is that right? DNR has elected to use the NR 150 EIS process for this project. I cannot speak on behalf of Milwaukee County.
7. It looks as if the choice to "repair the Estabrook Dam with fish passage" has already been established and will be granted at the end of the process. Is that correct? As the dam owner, this decision rests with Milwaukee County. DNR provides plan review to ensure that design meets our floodplain and dam safety standards and any other applicable laws.
8. It looks like the main outcome of this hearing is intended to determine either (1) Full-Winter Drawdown Operation or (2) Partial Winter Drawdown Operation, or (3) Partial Winter Drawdown Operation, but no other operational alternatives. Is that correct? The intent of the hearing is to hear comments from the public on the draft EIS. DNR will consider these comments prior to finalizing the EIS.
9. If any, what other choices or aspects of the dam will be determined by the EIS? The EIS discloses environmental analysis information to the public. It is not a decision document.
10. Once the Department of Natural Resources issues a Dam Operating Order, could that Operational Order be changed if some unforeseen issue were discovered? If so, what type of issues would qualify for such a change and what governmental or citizen based action would be needed to review and change an Operational Order? I have forwarded this question to our dam safety staff and they should be responding.
    - I was thinking of ad possible flooding issue if ice damming occurred due to ice build-up that rarely occurred when full winter drawdown was practiced, or possibly some environmental issue.

Thanks in advance for your help in clarifying these questions. Your answers will help members of the local community be better prepared to provide clear responses which address the intended query of this process.

Glen Goebel

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