

AGENDA
Special Work Session City Council Meeting
 Hybrid (ZOOM Video and In Person), City Hall
 June 15, 2026, 7:00 p.m.

*Information
Found On:*

1. **CALL TO ORDER/DETERMINATION OF QUORUM** *Council President*
2. **PUBLIC FORUM** (3 minute limit)
 Individuals may address the City Council about items on the agenda or not included on the agenda. Speakers are required to state their name and address for the Council record and limit their remarks to three minutes or fewer. Speakers are requested to frame their comments around items that fall within the authority of the City Council. Generally, the City Council will not take official action on the items discussed at this time, but may place the item on file, take the matter under advisement, refer the matter to staff or a committee for a future report or direct the matter to be placed on an upcoming agenda.
3. **BILLS DISCUSSION** *City Council*
4. **CONSENT AGENDA ITEM DISCUSSION** *City Council*
5. **COUNCIL INFORMATION ONLY ITEMS**
 - a. Short-Term Rentals Update, Morrison County (2) minutes – *City Administrator* None
 - b. Use of E-Bikes and Electric Scooters within City Limits (5) minutes – *Mayor* None
 - b. Other
6. **CONSTITUENT MESSAGE(S)**
7. **ADJOURNMENT**

If you need any type of reasonable accommodations to participate in this meeting, contact City Hall at (320) 616-5500 at least 72 hours prior to the meeting. Meetings are live streamed at [LITTLE FALLS CITY COUNCIL MEETING](#). A current list of meetings can be found at [Notice of Meetings](#).

FEDERAL ENERGY REGULATORY COMMISSION
Office of Energy Projects
Division of Dam Safety and Inspections
Chicago Regional Office

In reply, refer to: P-2532

May 29, 2026

VIA Electronic Mail

Mr. Matthew J. Ryan, PE
Chief Dam Safety Engineer
Minnesota Power
MRyan@mnpower.com

Re: Little Falls Hydroelectric Project (FERC No. 2532)
2025 Annual DSSMR and DSSMP
Supplement No. 1 to Little Falls PFM Resolution

Dear Mr. Ryan:

Minnesota Power's (MP's) April 20, 2026 letter submitted the annual (2025) Dam Safety Surveillance and Monitoring Report (DSSMR), Dam Safety Surveillance and Monitoring Plan (DSSMP), and Supplement No. 1 to Little Falls PFM Resolution for the Little Falls Hydroelectric Project No. 2532.

Our comments are listed below and should be addressed as noted. The next annual (2026) DSSMR submittal is due by **April 1, 2027**.

1. The updated DSSMP addresses our comments transmitted by September 3, 2025 letter regarding the 2024 annual DSSMR, including:
 - Added additional inspections and measurements during and after unusual events at the discretion of the Dam Safety Engineer.
 - Updated piezometer measurement form.
 - Updated survey monitor form.
2. Appendix D of the DSSMR includes a Dive Inspection Report that was conducted concurrently with the 2025 Periodic Inspection Report (PIR). The DSSMR indicates that the findings and recommendations associated with the report are incorporated into the PIR. Any comments from FERC regarding the Dive Inspection Report will be addressed in our upcoming response letter to the PIR. The dive inspection revealed the following deficiency, which has also been identified in previous inspections:

- Immediately downstream of the Spillway 4 apron, an 11-foot-deep cavity can be found within the bedrock. Continue to monitor and provide updates in your annual DSSMR.
3. Section 2 (Field Observations) states, “Concrete degradation was found in the Unit 3 & 4 (main powerhouse) tailrace, the downstream side of slide gates 9-11, and the Unit 5 & 6 (old powerhouse) tailrace. Concrete repairs are planned for 2027 to address the most critical areas, particularly the undermining in the Unit 5 & 6 tailrace”; and “There is also less severe concrete degradation on the downstream side of slide gates 9-11, repairs to these areas will also be done in 2027 as time and resources allow”. Updates regarding these repairs should continue to be provided in the annual DSSMR.
 4. Section 3 (Instrumentation Evaluation) states that no survey data action levels were exceeded in 2025. The report notes that the data continues to show a trend in the positive X direction (West), parallel to the axis of the dam, for points 2, 3, and 4. MP believes that the trend is due to survey error. Continue to monitor the trend with updates reported in annual DSSMRs.
 5. DSSMR Appendix D contains status updates for the 2023 Part 12D Periodic Inspection Recommendations. Continue to provide status updates in your annual DSSMRs.
 6. DSSMR Appendix D includes the Final Construction Reports for Tainter gates (TG) 3 and 4 replacement; left embankment core wall raise; and concrete repairs to TG 3 and TG 4 bays, the operator’s deck over gate 7, and the upstream side of the left abutment wall. The reports includes a certification, discussion of construction activities, quality control activities and documentation, photographs and record drawings. The reports meet the requirements of our May 21, 2025 and June 18, 2025 letters authorizing construction.

Your Drilling Program Plan (Submitted March 5, 2025 and authorized April 15, 2025) verified the dimensions of the left abutment wall and that the wall is battered. This information was used to perform a stability analysis of the wall which was submitted with the DSSMR/P and titled, Supplement No. 1 to Little Falls PFM Resolution.

The updated left abutment stability analysis confirms that the structure satisfies all Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) stability criteria under normal pool, Inflow Design Flood (IDF), and normal pool + ice loading conditions. The investigation incorporated 2025 subsurface and topographic data, which verified the presence and geometry of a 30-degree downstream batter. This batter increases the abutment’s mass and base width, significantly improving resistance against sliding and overturning. The

analysis followed FERC's Engineering Guidelines for the Evaluation of Hydropower Projects – Chapter 3: Gravity Dams, using rigid-body methods and cracked-base evaluations where required. Stability was evaluated at three representative cross-sections along the abutment, with all sections meeting or exceeding required factors of safety for sliding, overturning, and bearing capacity. Under the previously critical case (normal pool + ice), the updated geometry results in stable cracked-base conditions at all sections, thereby resolving Potential Failure Mode 2 (PFM 2) and confirming that no additional stabilization measures are needed. The analysis should be included in your STID/DPA in accordance with the forthcoming plan and schedule for the 2025 PIR.

The DSSMR meets the requirements of the FERC's Engineering Guidelines for the Evaluation of Hydropower Projects, Chapter 14 – Dam Safety Performance Monitoring Program, Appendix K – Dam Safety Surveillance and Monitoring Report Outline. The DSSMP meets the requirements of Chapter 14, Appendix J – Dam Safety Surveillance and Monitoring Plan Outline. The FERC's Engineering Guidelines should be reviewed to continue to improve the DSSMR/P.

File your submittal using the Commission's eFiling system at <https://www.ferc.gov/ferc-online/overview>. When eFiling, select Hydro: Dam Safety and Chicago Regional Office from the eFiling menu. The cover page of the filing must indicate that the material was eFiled. For assistance with eFiling, contact FERC Online Support at FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov, (866) 208-3676 (toll free), or (202) 502-8659 (TTY).

You may contact Mr. John Goetgeluck, P.E. at (312) 596-4463 or me at (312) 596-4456 if you have questions regarding this letter.

Sincerely,

MARILYN
SABIDO

Digitally signed by
MARILYN SABIDO
Date: 2026.05.29
14:13:13 -05'00'

Marilyn Sabido, P.E.
Regional Engineer