



STAFF REPORT

Board of Aldermen

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING STAFF TO SEND CORRESPONDENCE TO THE FEDERAL ENERGY REGULATORY COMMISSION CONCERNING EMPIRE DISTRICT ELECTRIC PROPOSED GATE ELEVATIONS AT POWERSITE DAM IN CONNECTION WITH THE OZARK BEACH PROJECT.

DATE: MAY 24, 2022

Initiated By: Public Works/Engineering

Approved By: *Lisa Westfall*

Financial Impact: No Impact/Not Applicable

Community Plan 2030: EI-1: Utilities

FACTS:

Comments were provided to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) on January 4, 2022 concerning the proposed impacts of raising the Obermeyer gates at the Powersite Dam. The City's comments included a request for additional studies related to the impacts and operating costs on the following:

1. Compton Wastewater Treatment Plant
2. City's drinking water intake
3. Branson Landing mixed use development
4. Branson Lakeside RV Park
5. Induced tributary flooding from the amended application for relicensing of Liberty Utilities Ozarks Beach Project.

Representatives from Empire District Electric Company met to discuss the concerns mentioned above with Branson staff. Tests were conducted between both parties to view the effects of the proposed elevations caused by the raising of the gates. Upon conduction of the tests, Empire has agreed to modify the gate levels through the generation of the gate operation.

Empire has asked the City to notify FERC that the levels proposed are satisfactory and that Empire has addressed the concerns raised in the January 4th letter.

DETAILED ANALYSIS:

No Additional Information

BACKUP DOCUMENTATION:

Staff Report Exhibit 1 - City Letter to Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC)

Staff Report Exhibit 2 - Liberty letter to City dated March 4, 2022