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Dear Neighbor,

We've decided to pause our construction plans on the Hardy Dam spillway replacement project.

As you know, we began planning for the future of our 13 river hydro dams, including Hardy, in 2022. The multi-year process includes a request for proposal (RFP) to determine a long-term resolution for the dams and we won't move forward with the Hardy spillway project until the process is finished.

The RFP process is simply one of many evaluations being completed to find a solution to maintain the hydroelectric facilities in a safe way while ensuring Consumers Energy's customers have affordable energy rates. The current decisions under consideration are:

- 1) Consumers Energy renewal of the FERC license to extend operations.
- 2) Decommissioning of the power generation equipment and restoring to natural river.
- 3) Sell the hydro facilities to an independent energy producer.

We hope to reach a decision soon and will provide updates when more information is available.

The safety of our customers, co-workers and the communities we serve is always a top priority for Consumers Energy. Interim risk-reduction measures continue to be in place to ensure the safety of the public and the facility. This includes the extended drawdown that has been in place the last couple of winters. We plan to refill the Hardy Pond before the Memorial Day holiday so residents and visitors can enjoy the Muskegon River this summer.

Consumers Energy is committed to doing what's right for our customers and the communities we serve. We know how important our river hydro plants, and the reservoirs they create, are to the people living near them.

Please contact us at hydro@cmsenergy.com or (231)332-2800 if you have questions about Hardy Dam or the project.

Thank you for your continued patience and support.

Sincerely,

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