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Petenwell and Castle Rock Reservoirs Begin Annual Drawdowns in Advance of Spring Runoff

Necedah, WI – Wisconsin River Power Company began drawing down the Petenwell and Castle Rock flowages on the Wisconsin River in January and February of 2008 to prepare for the spring runoff of melting snow.

Petenwell will be drawn down about four feet, while Castle Rock will be lowered by about three feet. The Petenwell drawdown began January 1, 2008 and will be complete in early February. Following the Petenwell drawdown, Castle Rock will be lowered. WRPCO expects both reservoirs to be at the lower levels by March 14, 2008.

WRPCO officials urges recreational enthusiasts to beware of the dangers of shifting and unstable ice due to the drawdowns.