

ELECTRIC DEPARTMENT



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MEMORANDUM

Date: June 4, 2015

To: Mayor Smith, Diane Whitbey, and North Little Rock City Council

From: James Bray, General Manager, North Little Rock Electric 

Re: Murray Hydro Electric Plant

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June 3, 2015, the North Little Rock Hydroelectric Plant Supervisor reported water infiltration in the Hydro Plant due to the rising Arkansas River and the need for sandbags to prevent water from continuing to enter. The cause of the water infiltration was determined to be coming from deteriorated sealant of spare conduit buried in the external NW utility vault that connects utility lines to the Hydro.

Due to extreme flooding of the Arkansas River, the road leading to the Hydro Plant was closed and access by boat was determined to be dangerous and not feasible. At 9:00 am, Mayor Smith declared a state of emergency and requested sand bags to be airlifted by the Arkansas Army National Guard. A Blackhawk helicopter completed delivery of 125 sand bags totaling about 4,000 pounds at 1:30 pm.