

FEDERAL ENERGY REGULATORY COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20426
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OFFICE OF ENERGY PROJECTS

**Re: Notice of License Expiration and Request for Information Regarding
Process Selection**

To the parties addressed:

Our records indicate that about 57 hydropower projects with Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (Commission) licenses will begin the relicensing process between October 1, 2017, and September 30, 2019 (see Attachment). According to our records, you own and operate one of these projects. This letter provides advance notice of your project's license expiration and explains the steps you must take to initiate the relicensing process.

Between 5 and 5.5 years before your existing license expires, you will need to notify the Commission whether or not you intend to file an application for a new license.¹ Concurrent with the filing of this notice of intent (NOI) to relicense the project, you will need to file a Pre-Application Document (PAD) with the Commission and distribute the PAD to appropriate federal, state, and interstate resource agencies, Indian tribes, local governments, and members of the public likely to be interested in the project's relicensing.² The PAD must include: (1) a process plan and schedule; (2) a description of the project's location, facilities, and operation; (3) a description of the existing environment at the project and its resource impacts; (4) a preliminary list of issues and proposed studies; and (5) a list of contacts.³

Although the Integrated Licensing Process (ILP) is the default process for preparing a relicense application, you have the option of requesting either the Alternative or Traditional Licensing Process (ALP or TLP, respectively).⁴ As you

¹ Please refer to Section 15(b)(1) of the Federal Power Act and 18 C.F.R. § 5.5 of the Commission's regulations.

² To aid in your preparation of a distribution list, a list of federal and state agencies can be viewed at:

<http://www.ferc.gov/industries/hydropower/enviro/consultlist.aspx>.

³ The specific requirements of the PAD can be found at 18 C.F.R. § 5.6 of the Commission's regulations.

⁴ A table comparing the three licensing processes is available at <http://www.ferc.gov/industries/hydropower/gen-info/licensing/matrix.asp>.

consider process options, we ask that you seriously consider the TLP if you expect your project to have non-complex resource issues, relatively little controversy, and a lack of significant disputes over studies.

From FY 2010 through FY 2014, we've received an annual average of about 12 NOI's to relicense hydroelectric projects. From FY 2016 through FY 2030, we expect that annual average to increase to about 29. To prepare for this substantial increase in the relicensing workload, which will be influenced by process selection,⁵ we are asking that you contact us prior to March 1, 2016, to indicate whether you anticipate using the ILP or requesting the TLP or ALP in preparing an application for a new license. Please respond even if you are undecided. To notify us of your anticipated relicensing process, we request that you send an email to vincent.jones@ferc.gov. Please indicate "Relicensing Process" in the subject line and list your name, the licensee's name, the project number(s), the project name(s), and the anticipated relicensing process (or undecided) in the body of the message.

If you would like to discuss process options, please contact the staff listed below. To determine which branch will be handling your project, please refer to the spreadsheet posted on the Commission's hydropower web site at:

<http://www.ferc.gov/industries/hydropower/gen-info/licensing/relicenses2015-2030.xlsx>.

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⁵ Staff involvement during the period when the license application is being prepared (i.e., pre-filing) varies significantly among the three processes.

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Sincerely,

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Attachment- List of Projects

Attachment

List of projects whose licenses will begin the relicensing process between October 1, 2017, and September 30, 2019:

Project #	PROJECT NAME
619	BUCKS CREEK
848	TROUT CREEK
1250	AZUSA
2337	PROSPECT NO 3
190	UINTAH
2386	HOLYOKE NO 1
2808	BARKER'S MILL
2388	HOLYOKE NO 3
2788	COLLIERSVILLE
1510	KAUKAUNA
2684	ARPIN
2685	BLENHEIM GILBOA PUMPED STORAGE
2809	AMERICAN TISSUE
1855	BELLOWS FALLS
1892	WILDER
1904	VERNON
1235	RADFORD
2839	GREAT FALLS
2680	LUDINGTON PUMPED STORAGE
2823	LOWER BEAVER FALLS
2610	SAXON FALLS
12711	COBSCOOK BAY TIDAL ENERGY
2804	GOOSE RIVER
2669	BEAR SWAMP (PS&CON)
2837	GRANBY
1432	DRY SPRUCE BAY
1744	WEBER
2413	WALLACE (PS&CON)
2883	FRIES
1894	PARR SHOALS ((PS&CON)
2960	GONZALES
3023	TUPPERWARE
2972	WOONSOCKET FALLS
2894	BLACK BROOK DAM

Project #	PROJECT NAME
2322	SHAWMUT
2622	TURNERS FALLS
2766	ALBION MILL (D WHEEL)
2768	ALBION MILL (A WHEEL)
2771	NONOTUCK MILL
2772	LINWEAVE WAREHOUSE (A WHEEL)
2814	GREAT FALLS
6731	CONEROSS
10624	FRENCH PAPER
2934	UPPER MECHANICVILLE
10934	SUGAR RIVER II
3273	CHITTENDEN FALLS
2997	CAMP FAR WEST
3251	CORNELL UNIVERSITY
3452	OAK ORCHARD
10821	CAMP FAR WEST T. L.
2880	CHEROKEE FALLS
3063	CENTRAL FALLS
663	RIO BLANCO
3102	HIGH SHOALS
3777	ROLLINSFORD
3820	SOMERSWORTH
10674	KIMBERLY