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OFFICE OF ENERGY PROJECTS

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P-11197-000; P-2694-000; P-11143-000;
P-2416-000; P-2841-000

Re: Notice of License Expiration and Relicensing Process Initiation

To the licensees addressed:

Our records indicate that 19 hydropower projects with Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (Commission) licenses will begin the relicensing process between October 1, 2026, and April 1, 2027 (see Attachment). According to our records, you are the licensee contact for at least 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 a Notice of Intent (NOI) to relicense the project, you must 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. The specific requirements of the PAD can be found at 18 C.F.R. § 5.6 of the Commission's regulations.

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 potential stakeholders can be viewed at: <https://www.ferc.gov/hydropower/initial-consultation-contact-list>.

Pursuant to 18 C.F.R. § 16.23, an existing licensee that fails to file an NOI at least 5 years before the existing license expires shall be deemed to have filed a notice indicating that it **does not intend** to file an application to relicense its project. Additionally, pursuant to 18 C.F.R. § 16.24, an existing licensee that informs the Commission that it does not intend to file an application, **may not file** an application to relicense its project, either individually or in conjunction with an entity or entities that are not currently licensees of the project. Therefore, if you intend to file an application to relicense your project, **please allow sufficient time to prepare both your NOI and PAD in accordance with the regulations.**

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).³ You are encouraged to discuss process options with Commission licensing staff. To determine which branch will be handling your project, please refer to the attachment to this letter. The branch contacts are listed below.⁴

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³ A table comparing the three licensing processes is available at: <https://www.ferc.gov/industries-data/hydropower/licensing/licensing-processes-matrix-comparing-three-licensing-processes>.

⁴ An updated list of the branch contacts is also available and maintained at: <https://www.ferc.gov/licensing>.

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Sincerely,

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Attachment: List of Projects

Attachment

List of projects that will begin the relicensing process between October 1, 2026, and April 1, 2027:

| No. | Project No. | Project Name | Branch |
|------------|--------------------|---|---------------|
| 1 | 10551 | High Dam | Great Lakes |
| 2 | 11617 | Varick-High Dam #21 Transmission Line | Great Lakes |
| 3 | 10522 | Whittelsey Dam | Great Lakes |
| 4 | 9840 | Appomattox River | Mid-Atlantic |
| 5 | 2724 | City of Hamilton | Midwest |
| 6 | 2866 | Lockport | Midwest |
| 7 | 3107 | Newfound | New England |
| 8 | 11143 | Glen Falls | New England |
| 9 | 2743 | Terror Lake | Northwest |
| 10 | 2849 | Main Canal Headworks | Northwest |
| 11 | 3842 | Eltopia Branch Canal | Northwest |
| 12 | 3843 | Potholes East Canal | Northwest |
| 13 | 2854 | Sidney A. Murray (Old River) | South |
| 14 | 2694 | Queens Creek | South |
| 15 | 2416 | Ware Shoals | South |
| 16 | 5828 | Monticello Powerhouse Transmission Line | West |
| 17 | 2409 | North Fork Stanislaus River | West |
| 18 | 11197 | Colliersville & Spicer Meadow Trans. Line | West |
| 19 | 2841 | Lake Mendocino | West |