

DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY**Federal Energy Regulatory Commission**

[Project No. 15396–000]

Central Hudson Gas & Electric Corporation; Notice of Preliminary Permit Application Accepted for Filing and Soliciting Comments, Motions To Intervene, and Competing Applications

On February 18, 2025, Central Hudson Gas & Electric Corporation filed an application for a preliminary permit, pursuant to section 4(f) of the Federal Power Act (FPA), proposing to study the existing Sturgeon Pool Hydroelectric Project (Sturgeon Project) on the Wallkill River in Ulster County, New York. The sole purpose of a preliminary permit, if issued, is to grant the permit holder priority to file a license application during the permit term. A preliminary permit does not authorize the permit holder to perform any land-disturbing activities or otherwise enter upon lands or waters owned by others without the owners' express permission.

The Sturgeon Project is an existing operating project that currently is not licensed.¹ The project consists of the following facilities: (1) a 670-foot-long concrete gravity dam with a 490-foot-long spillway having a crest elevation of 129 feet mean sea level (msl); (2) a 3.5-foot-high rubber crest gate installed on top of the spillway; (3) an impoundment having a surface area of 212 acres and a storage capacity of 2,894 acre-feet at a water surface elevation of 132.5 feet msl; (4) three 10-foot-diameter penstocks; (5) a 48-foot-wide and 102-foot-long masonry and reinforced concrete powerhouse containing three turbine-generator units having a total capacity of 15,600 kilowatts; (6) a substation; and (7) appurtenant facilities. The proposed project would have an annual generation of 60,000 megawatt-hours.

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FERC Contact: Monir Chowdhury; phone: (202) 502–6736.

Deadline for filing comments, motions to intervene, competing applications (without notices of intent), or notices of intent to file competing applications: 60 days from the issuance of this notice. Competing applications and notices of intent must meet the requirements of 18 CFR 4.36.

¹ On February 6, 2025, the Commission determined that the project is jurisdictional and required to be licensed. 190 FERC ¶ 62,077 (2025).

The Commission strongly encourages electronic filing. Please file comments, motions to intervene, notices of intent, and competing applications using the Commission's eFiling system at <https://ferconline.ferc.gov/FERCOOnline.aspx>. Commenters can submit brief comments up to 6,000 characters, without prior registration, using the eComment system at <https://ferconline.ferc.gov/QuickComment.aspx>. For assistance, please contact FERC Online Support at FERCOOnlineSupport@ferc.gov, (866) 208–3676 (toll free), or (202) 502–8659 (TTY). In lieu of electronic filing, you may submit a paper copy. Submissions sent via the U.S. Postal Service must be addressed to: Debbie-Anne A. Reese, Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street NE, Room 1A, Washington, DC 20426.

Submissions sent via any other carrier must be addressed to: Debbie-Anne A. Reese, Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 12225 Wilkins Avenue, Rockville, Maryland 20852.

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More information about this project, including a copy of the application, can be viewed or printed on the "eLibrary" link of the Commission's website at <https://elibrary.ferc.gov/eLibrary/search>. Enter the docket number (P–15396) in the docket number field to access the document. For assistance, contact FERC Online Support.

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[Project No. 15000–003]

Erie Boulevard Hydropower, L.P.; Notice of Intent To Prepare an Environmental Assessment

On June 30, 2022, Erie Boulevard Hydropower, L.P. filed a relicense

application for the 2.12-megawatt Franklin Falls Hydroelectric Project No. 15000. The project is located on the on the Saranac River in Essex and Franklin Counties, New York.

In accordance with the Commission's regulations, on February 13, 2025, Commission staff issued a notice that the project was ready for environmental analysis (REA notice). Based on the information in the record, including comments filed on the REA notice, staff does not anticipate that licensing the project would constitute a major federal action significantly affecting the quality of the human environment. Therefore, staff intends to prepare an environmental assessment (EA) on the application to relicense the project.¹

The EA will be issued and circulated for review by all interested parties. All comments filed on the EA will be analyzed by staff and considered in the Commission's final licensing decision.

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The application will be processed according to the following schedule. Revisions to the schedule may be made as appropriate.

Milestone	Target date
Commission issues EA	April 28, 2026.

Any questions regarding this notice may be directed to Joshua Dub by telephone at (202) 502–8138 or by email at Joshua.Dub@ferc.gov.

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¹ For tracking purposes under the National Environmental Policy Act, the unique identification number for documents relating to this environmental review is EAXX–019–20–000–1744121999.