

new license is issued, or the project is otherwise disposed of as provided in section 15 or any other applicable section of the FPA. If the project's prior license waived the applicability of section 15 of the FPA, then, based on section 9(b) of the Administrative Procedure Act, 5 U.S.C. 558(c), and as set forth at 18 CFR 16.21(a), if the licensee of such project has filed an application for a subsequent license, the licensee may continue to operate the project in accordance with the terms and conditions of the license after the minor or minor part license expires, until the Commission acts on its application. If the licensee of such a project has not filed an application for a subsequent license, then it may be required, pursuant to 18 CFR 16.21(b), to continue project operations until the Commission issues someone else a license for the project or otherwise orders disposition of the project.

If the project is subject to section 15 of the FPA, notice is hereby given that an annual license for Project No. 3342 is issued to Briar Hydro Associates for a period effective December 1, 2024, through November 30, 2025, or until the issuance of a new license for the project or other disposition under the FPA, whichever comes first.

If issuance of a new license (or other disposition) does not take place on or before November 30, 2025, notice is hereby given that, pursuant to 18 CFR 16.18(c), an annual license under section 15(a)(1) of the FPA is renewed automatically without further order or notice by the Commission, unless the Commission orders otherwise.

If the project is not subject to section 15 of the FPA, notice is hereby given that Briar Hydro Associates is authorized to continue operation of the Penacook Lower Falls Hydroelectric Project under the terms and conditions of the prior license until the issuance of a subsequent license for the project or other disposition under the FPA, whichever comes first.

Dated: December 19, 2024.

**Debbie-Anne A. Reese,**  
Secretary.

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Project No. 15267-001]

#### **Allegheny Hydro Group Lock and Dam 4, Inc.; Notice of Intent To File License Application, Filing of Pre-Application Document, and Approving Use of the Traditional Licensing Process**

a. *Type of Filing:* Notice of Intent to File License Application and Request to Use the Traditional Licensing Process (TLP).

b. *Project No.:* 15267-001.

c. *Date Filed:* October 30, 2024.

d. *Submitted By:* Allegheny Hydro Group Lock and Dam 4, Inc.<sup>1</sup> (Allegheny Hydro).

e. *Name of Project:* Allegheny Lock and Dam 4 Hydropower Project.

f. *Location:* The project would be located on the Allegheny River, at the existing U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (Corps) Allegheny Lock and Dam 4, in Harrison Township, Allegheny County, and in the City of Lower Burrell, Westmoreland County, Pennsylvania. The project would partially occupy federal land administered by the Corps.

g. *Filed Pursuant to:* 18 CFR 5.3 of the Commission's regulations.

h. *Potential Applicant Contact:* Jeremy King, CEO; Current Hydro LLC; 3120 Southwest Freeway; Suite 101, PMB 50808; Houston, TX 77098, . Email: [jeremy@currenthydro.com](mailto:jeremy@currenthydro.com); Phone: (706) 835-8516.

i. *FERC Contact:* Silvia Pineda-Munoz at (202) 502-8388; or email at [silvia.pineda-munoz@ferc.gov](mailto:silvia.pineda-munoz@ferc.gov).

j. Allegheny Hydro filed its request to use the Traditional Licensing Process on October 30, 2024, and provided public notice of its request on November 3, 2024, and November 4, 2024. In a letter dated December 18, 2024, the Director of the Division of Hydropower Licensing approved Allegheny Hydro's request to use the Traditional Licensing Process.

k. With this notice, we are initiating informal consultation with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service under section 7 of the Endangered Species Act and the joint agency regulations thereunder at 50 CFR part 402; and NOAA Fisheries under section 305(b) of the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act and implementing regulations at 50 CFR 600.920. We are also initiating consultation with the

Pennsylvania State Historic Preservation Officer, as required by section 106, National Historic Preservation Act, and the implementing regulations of the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation at 36 CFR 800.2.

l. With this notice, we are designating Allegheny Hydro as the Commission's non-federal representative for carrying out informal consultation pursuant to section 7 of the Endangered Species Act and section 305(b) of the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act; and consultation pursuant to section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act.

m. Allegheny Hydro filed a Pre-Application Document (PAD; including a proposed process plan and schedule) with the Commission, pursuant to 18 CFR 5.6 of the Commission's regulations.

n. A copy of the PAD may be viewed on the Commission's website (<http://www.ferc.gov>), using the "eLibrary" link. Enter the docket number, excluding the last three digits in the docket number field, to access the document. For assistance, contact FERC Online Support at [FEROnlineSupport@ferc.gov](mailto:FEROnlineSupport@ferc.gov), (866) 208-3676 (toll free), or (202) 502-8659 (TTY). You may register online at <https://ferconline.ferc.gov/> [FEROnline.aspx](http://FEROnline.aspx) to be notified via email of new filings and issuances related to this or other pending projects. For assistance, contact FERC Online Support.

o. The applicant states its unequivocal intent to submit an application for an original license for Project No. 15267.

p. The Commission's Office of Public Participation (OPP) supports meaningful public engagement and participation in Commission proceedings. OPP can help members of the public, including landowners, environmental justice communities, Tribal members and others, access publicly available information and navigate Commission processes. For public inquiries and assistance with making filings such as interventions, comments, or requests for rehearing, the public is encouraged to contact OPP at (202) 502-6595 or [OPP@ferc.gov](mailto:OPP@ferc.gov).

Dated: December 18, 2024.

**Debbie-Anne A. Reese,**  
Secretary.

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<sup>1</sup> Allegheny Hydro Group Lock and Dam 4, Inc. is a wholly owned subsidiary of Current Hydro LLC, which acts as agent for the applicant.