

your comments on or before March 28, 2025. The filing of a comment alone will not serve to make the filer a party to the proceeding. To become a party, you must intervene in the proceeding.

How To File Protests, Interventions, and Comments

There are two ways to submit protests, motions to intervene, and comments. In both instances, please reference the Project docket number CP25–49–000 in your submission.

(1) You may file your protest, motion to intervene, and comments by using the Commission's eFiling feature, which is located on the Commission's website (www.ferc.gov) under the link to Documents and Filings. New eFiling users must first create an account by clicking on "eRegister." You will be asked to select the type of filing you are making; first select "General" and then select "Protest", "Intervention", or "Comment on a Filing"; or ⁶

(2) You can file a paper copy of your submission by mailing it to the address below. Your submission must reference the Project docket number CP25–49–000.

To file via USPS: Debbie-Anne A. Reese, Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street NE, Washington, DC 20426.

To file via any other method: Debbie-Anne A. Reese, Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 12225 Wilkins Avenue, Rockville, Maryland 20852.

The Commission encourages electronic filing of submissions (option 1 above) and has eFiling staff available to assist you at (202) 502–8258 or FercOnlineSupport@ferc.gov.

Protests and motions to intervene must be served on the applicant either by mail at: Berk Donaldson, Director, Regulatory, Texas Eastern Transmission, LP, P.O. Box 1642, Houston, Texas 77251–1642, or by email (with a link to the document) at Berk.Donaldson@enbridge.com. Any subsequent submissions by an intervenor must be served on the applicant and all other parties to the proceeding. Contact information for parties can be downloaded from the service list at the eService link on FERC Online.

Tracking the Proceeding

Throughout the proceeding, additional information about the project

⁶ Additionally, you may file your comments electronically by using the eComment feature, which is located on the Commission's website at www.ferc.gov under the link to Documents and Filings. Using eComment is an easy method for interested persons to submit brief, text-only comments on a project.

will be available from the Commission's Office of External Affairs, at (866) 208–FERC, or on the FERC website at www.ferc.gov using the "eLibrary" link as described above. The eLibrary link also provides access to the texts of all formal documents issued by the Commission, such as orders, notices, and rulemakings.

In addition, the Commission offers a free service called eSubscription which allows you to keep track of all formal issuances and submittals in specific dockets. This can reduce the amount of time you spend researching proceedings by automatically providing you with notification of these filings, document summaries, and direct links to the documents. For more information and to register, go to www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/esubscription.asp.

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Debbie-Anne A. Reese,
Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Project No. 2150–153]

Puget Sound Energy, Inc.; Notice of Intent To Prepare an Environmental Assessment

On July 14, 2022, as supplemented on August 1, 2023, Puget Sound Energy, Inc. (licensee) filed a draft biological assessment (BA) under section 7 of the Endangered Species Act (ESA) addressing the potential effects that could occur to federally-listed species, designated critical habitat, and essential fish habitat (EFH) as a result of the licensee's proposed Upper Baker Dam Spillway Stability Improvements and Tailrace Channel Rock Debris Removal Project (Spillway Project) at the Baker River Hydroelectric Project No. 2150. On September 15, 2021, the licensee filed a Water Quality Protection Plan in support of the proposed Spillway Project. The Baker River Project consists of two developments, Upper Baker and Lower Baker, and is located on the Baker River in Skagit and Whatcom counties, Washington. The project occupies federal lands administered by the U.S. Forest Service (Forest Service) within the Mt. Baker-Snoqualmie National Forest.

The licensee proposes to improve stability of the Upper Baker Dam spillway slope and remove accumulated rockfall debris material in the tailrace

channel downstream of the dam. To stabilize the spillway slope, the licensee plans to excavate the rockfall debris from the tailrace channel and backfill the existing sluiceway structure with concrete or cementitious grout, imported coarse and fine aggregate, and a portion of the rockfall debris, creating a concrete rock buttress to improve the stability of the spillway slope. The proposed project is needed because the existing spillway slope has been identified as a potential failure mode for the Upper Baker Dam, and rockfall debris in the channel downstream of the dam contributes to flooding of the powerhouse during spill events and has reduced power generation.

On August 17, 2022, Commission staff issued a Notice of Water Quality Protection Plan Accepted for Filing and Soliciting Comments, Motions to Intervene, and Protests. On August 30, 2022 and September 16, 2022, the Washington State Department of Fish and Wildlife and Forest Service, respectively, filed notices of intervention. No other comments or motions to intervene were received.

On August 17, 2022, Commission staff adopted the licensee's draft BA without modification as the Commission's final BA and requested formal consultation with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS) and the National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS). By letter dated February 21, 2023, Commission staff updated the request for consultation under section 7 of the ESA from formal to informal consultation between NMFS and the Commission. On September 25, 2023, Commission staff issued separate letters to the FWS and NMFS, informing the agencies of the supplemental information filed by the licensee on August 1, 2023, and updating the requests for consultation under section 7 of the ESA. On August 15, 2023, NMFS filed a letter of concurrence with the Commission's determinations that the proposed Spillway Project is not likely to adversely affect the NMFS ESA-listed species and/or designated critical habitat. On November 3, 2023, the FWS filed its Biological Opinion in response to the Commission's BA.

In the August 17, 2022 letter, and reiterated in the February 21, 2023 letter, Commission staff also determined, pursuant to the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act (Magnuson-Stevens Act), that the Spillway Project may adversely affect EFH for Pacific coast salmon. In the August 15, 2023 letter, NMFS reviewed the proposed Spillway Project for potential effects on EFH under the Magnuson-Stevens Act,

including conservation measures and any determination made by the Commission regarding the potential effects of the proposed Spillway Project, and concluded that the proposed Spillway Project would not adversely affect EFH.

This notice identifies Commission staff's intention to prepare an environmental assessment (EA) for the project.¹ Commission staff plans to issue an EA by March 7, 2025. Revisions to the schedule may be made as appropriate.

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 to 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.

Any questions regarding this notice may be directed to Marybeth Gay at (202) 502-6125 or Marybeth.gay@ferc.gov.

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Debbie-Anne A. Reese,
Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Project No. 15370-000]

New England Hydropower Company, LLC; Notice of Preliminary Permit Application Accepted for Filing and Soliciting Comments, Motions To Intervene, and Competing Applications

On August 14, 2024, New England Hydropower Company, LLC, filed an application for a preliminary permit, pursuant to section 4(f) of the Federal Power Act (FPA), proposing to study the feasibility of the Manville Dam Hydroelectric Project No. 15370 (project), to be located at the Manville dam on the Blackstone River near the Town of Cumberland, Providence County, Rhode Island. The sole purpose

¹ In accordance with the Council on Environmental Quality's regulations, the unique identification number for documents relating to this environmental review is EAXX-019-20-000-1737643370. 40 CFR 1501.5(c)(4) (2024).

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 proposed project would consist of the following new features: (1) three fixed blade Kaplan turbines including two turbines with a generating capacity of 392 kilowatts, and one turbine with a generating capacity of 180 kilowatts; (2) two 24-foot-wide, 50-foot-long turbine bays; (3) a 16-foot-wide, 35-foot-long, 16-foot-high electrical control building; (4) a 1,000 kilo-volt-amperes pad-mounted transformer; (5) a 50 kilo-volt-amperes grounding transformer; (6) three shut-off gates; (7) two 24-foot wide, 50-foot-long steel trash racks; (8) two 24 foot-wide, 10-foot-long isolation gates; (9) three 14-foot-long draft tubes; and (9) an 800-foot-long, 13 kilovolt transmission line connecting the turbine generator units to the regional grid. The proposed project would have an estimated average annual generation of 3,952-megawatt-hours.

Applicant Contact: Michael C. Kerr, New England Hydropower Company, LLC, 100 Cummings Center, Suite 451C, Beverly, MA 01915; phone: (860) 729-9767; email: michael@nehypower.com.

FERC Contact: Justin R. Robbins; phone: (202) 502-8308, or by email at justin.robbs@ferc.gov.

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.

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/eFiling.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 FERCOnlineSupport@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. The first page of any filing should include docket number P-15370-000.

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More information about this project, including a copy of the application, can be viewed on the Commission's website (<https://www.ferc.gov>) using the "eLibrary" link. Enter the docket number, excluding the last three digits (P-15370), in the docket number field to access the document. For assistance, contact FERC Online Support.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

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Three Actions Published by the Environmental Protection Agency With Comment Periods That Close Between February 3, 2025 and February 11, 2025; Notice of Comment Period Extension and Delay of Public Meetings

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notices; extension of comment periods.

SUMMARY: This document extends the comment period for three notices published by the Environmental Protection Agency in the **Federal Register** on December 3, 2024 and December 13, 2024.

DATES: The original comment periods for notices FRL-12241-02-OCSPP (89 FR 95779, December 3, 2024) and FRL-9941-02-OCSPP (89 FR 96650, December 5, 2024) close on February 3,