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The application will be processed according to the following schedule. The EA will be issued for a 30-day comment period. Revisions to the schedule may be made as appropriate.

Milestone	Target date
Commission issues EA	February 18, 2026.

Any questions regarding this notice may be directed to Claire Rozdilski at (202) 502-8259 or claire.rozdilski@ferc.gov.

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Debbie-Anne A. Reese,
Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Project No. 1895-105]

City of Columbia, South Carolina; Notice of Availability and Adoption of Final Environmental Assessments

Pending before the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (Commission) is an application filed by the City of Columbia, South Carolina (licensee) for a non-capacity amendment for the Columbia Hydroelectric Project No. 1895. In October 2015, historic rain and flooding in Columbia, South Carolina damaged and destroyed many project features. As proposed, the applicant plans to repair the damaged features, to include replacement of the project headgates and powerhouse generating equipment, as well as repair the canal embankment.

In accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA), the Commission's regulations at 18 CFR part 380, Commission staff have decided to adopt the Environmental Assessments (EAs) produced by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) and the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) for the proposed work.¹ In determining whether to adopt the EA, Commission staff independently reviewed each EA. The actions analyzed by HUD and FEMA are substantially the same as those being proposed in the licensee's application, and therefore, Commission staff concludes that the

EAs adequately assess the environmental impacts of the proposed action and can be adopted. Commission staff also agrees with HUD's and FEMA's finding that the proposed work is not a major Federal action significantly affecting the quality of the human environment.

The HUD EA titled "Columbia Canal Head Gates and Lock Repair Project" and the FEMA EA titled "Columbia Canal 2015 Flood Repairs (Hydroelectric Plant and Canal Dikes) can be viewed through links contained in the City of Columbia's amendment application filed in the Commission's eLibrary system on July 1, 2024, under Docket P-1895.

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For further information, contact Jennifer Polardino at (202) 502-6437 or jennifer.polardino@ferc.gov.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Project No. 6619-023]

Lake Upchurch Dam Preservation Association; Notice of Intent To Prepare an Environmental Assessment

On September 23, 2024, as supplemented on November 19, 2024, Lake Upchurch Dam Preservation Association (exemptee) filed an application for the surrender of its exemption for the Raeford Hydroelectric Project No. 6619. The project is located on Rockfish Creek, at Upchurch Pond, in Cumberland County, North Carolina. The project does not occupy any Federal lands.

The exemptee proposes to surrender the project exemption. The generating equipment has not operated since 2016, when the reservoir was lowered due to storm damage to the auxiliary spillway. No significant modifications to the

existing dam, buildings, or structures and no ground disturbing activities are proposed. The applicant proposes to remove the electrical connections to the generators within the powerhouse and remove the electrical substation outside of the powerhouse to prevent future generation. There will be no work on the dam or spillways. Upon surrender of the exemption, the applicant proposes to pass all inflow at the dam. Historic pond elevations will be maintained subject to inflow.

Commission staff public noticed the application on December 4, 2024, and solicited comments, motions to intervene, and protests, with the comment period ending on January 6, 2025. No comments were received in response to the Commission's notice.

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 July 31, 2025. Revisions to the schedule may be made as appropriate. The EA will be issued for a 30-day comment period. All comments filed on the EA will be reviewed by staff and considered in the Commission's final decision on the proceeding.

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Any questions regarding this notice may be directed to Kelly Fitzpatrick at 202-502-8435 or kelly.fitzpatrick@ferc.gov.

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¹ The unique identification number for documents relating to this environmental review is: EAXX-019-20-000-1738918338.

¹ In accordance with the Council on Environmental Quality's regulations, the unique identification number for documents relating to this environmental review is EAXX-019-20-000-1737643443. 40 CFR 1501.5(c)(4) (2024).