

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

Milestone	Target date
Commission issues draft EAs.	February 2024.
Comments on draft EAs.	April 2024.
Commission issues final EAs.	September 2024. ¹

Any questions regarding this notice may be directed to Ryan Hansen at (202) 502-8074 or ryan.hansen@ferc.gov.

Dated: October 12, 2023.

Kimberly D. Bose,

Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Project No. 6689-018]

Briar Hydro Associates, LLC; Notice of Application Accepted for Filing and Soliciting Motions To Intervene and Protests

Take notice that the following hydroelectric application has been filed with the Commission and is available for public inspection.

- a. *Type of Application:* New License.
- b. *Project No.:* 6689-018.
- c. *Date Filed:* November 30, 2022.
- d. *Applicant:* Briar Hydro Associates, LLC.
- e. *Name of Project:* Penacook Upper Falls Hydroelectric Project.
- f. *Location:* On the Contoocook River, in the City of Concord, and Town of Boscawen, Merrimack County, New Hampshire. No Federal lands are located within the project boundary.
- g. *Filed Pursuant to:* Federal Power Act 16 U.S.C. 791(a)-825(r).
- h. *Applicant Contact:* Andrew J. Locke, Essex Hydro Associates, LLC, 55 Union Street, Boston, MA 02108; (617) 357-0032; email—alocke@essexhydro.com.
- i. *FERC Contact:* Jeanne Edwards at (202) 502-6181; or jeanne.edwards@ferc.gov.

¹ The Council on Environmental Quality's (CEQ) regulations under 40 CFR 1501.10(b)(1) require that EAs be completed within 1 year of the Federal action agency's decision to prepare an EA. This notice establishes the Commission's intent to prepare a draft and final EA for each of the eight projects. Therefore, in accordance with CEQ's regulations, the final EAs must be issued within 1 year of the issuance date of this notice.

j. *Deadline for filing motions to intervene and protests:* 60 days from the issuance date of this notice.

The Commission strongly encourages electronic filing. Please file motions to intervene and protests using the Commission's eFiling system at <https://ferconline.ferc.gov/FERCOOnline.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: Kimberly D. Bose, Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street NE, Room 1A, Washington, DC 20426. Submissions sent via any other carrier must be addressed to: Kimberly D. Bose, Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 12225 Wilkins Avenue, Rockville, Maryland 20852. All filings must clearly identify the project name and docket number on the first page: Penacook Upper Falls Project (P-6689-018).

k. The application is not ready for environmental analysis at this time.

l. The Penacook Upper Falls Project consists of the following existing facilities: (1) an impoundment with a surface area of 11.4-acres at an elevation of 306.0 feet above National Geodetic Vertical Datum 1929; (2) a 21-foot-high, 187-foot-long timber stoplog dam with a gated concrete spillway; (3) a 58-foot-wide, 15-foot-long forebay; (4) a 12.5-foot-wide, 39.3-foot-high trash rack with 3.5-inch clear spacing; (5) a 44-foot-wide by 81-foot-long, concrete powerhouse, integral to the dam, containing one Kaplan turbine generating unit with a capacity of 3.02 megawatts; (6) a 350-foot-long, 47-foot-wide tailrace; (7) transmission facilities consisting of a 4.16/34.5-kilovolt (kV) transformer and a 50-foot-long, 34.5-kV transmission line; and (8) other appurtenances.

The project operates in a run-of-river mode and had an average annual generation of 13,825,011 kilowatt-hours between 2012 and 2021. No changes to the project are proposed.

m. In addition to publishing the full text of this document in the **Federal Register**, the Commission provides all interested persons an opportunity to view and/or print the contents of this document via the internet through the Commission's Home Page (<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. At this time, the Commission has suspended access to the Commission's Public

Reference Room. For assistance, contact FERC at FERCOOnlineSupport@ferc.gov, or call (866) 208-3676 (toll free) or (202) 502-8659 (TTY).

You may also register online at <http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/esubscription.asp> to be notified via email of new filings and issuances related to this or other pending projects.

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.

n. Anyone may submit a protest or a motion to intervene in accordance with the requirements of Rules of Practice and Procedure, 18 CFR 385.210, 385.211, and 385.214. In determining the appropriate action to take, the Commission will consider all protests filed, but only those who file a motion to intervene in accordance with the Commission's Rules may become a party to the proceeding. Any protests or motions to intervene must be received on or before the specified deadline date for the particular application.

All filings must (1) bear in all capital letters the title "PROTEST" or "MOTION TO INTERVENE;" (2) set forth in the heading the name of the applicant and the project number of the application to which the filing responds; (3) furnish the name, address, and telephone number of the person protesting or intervening; and (4) otherwise comply with the requirements of 18 CFR 385.2001 through 385.2005. Agencies may obtain copies of the application directly from the applicant. A copy of any protest or motion to intervene must be served upon each representative of the applicant specified in the particular application.

o. *Procedural schedule:* The application will be processed according to the following schedule. Revisions to the schedule will be made as appropriate.

Issue Scoping Document 1 for comments—November 2023
Request Additional Information (if necessary)—November 2023
Issue Scoping Document 2—December 2023
Issue Notice of Ready for Environmental Analysis—December 2023

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Kimberly D. Bose,
Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Project No. 7883-020]

Powerhouse Systems, Inc.; Notice of Application Tendered for Filing With the Commission and Soliciting Additional Study Requests and Establishing Procedural Schedule for Relicensing and a Deadline for Submission of Final Amendments

Take notice that the following hydroelectric application has been filed with the Commission and is available for public inspection.

a. *Type of Application:* Subsequent License.

b. *Project No.:* 7883-020.

c. *Date filed:* October 2, 2023.

d. *Applicant:* Powerhouse Systems, Inc.

e. *Name of Project:* Weston Dam Project.

f. *Location:* On the Upper Ammonoosuc River, Coos County, New Hampshire.

g. *Filed Pursuant to:* Federal Power Act 16 U.S.C. 791(a)-825(r).

h. *Applicant Contact:* Jonathon DiCesare, Regulatory Manager, Powerhouse Systems, Inc., 230 Park Avenue, Suite 307, New York, New York 10017; Phone at (518) 657-9012 or email at jd@elevatepower.com; or Ian Clark, CCO, Powerhouse Systems, Inc., 230 Park Avenue, Suite 307, New York, New York 10017; Phone at (518) 657-9012 or email at ic@elevatepower.com.

i. *FERC Contact:* John Baummer at (202) 502-6837, or john.baummer@ferc.gov.

j. *Cooperating agencies:* Federal, state, local, and tribal agencies with jurisdiction and/or special expertise with respect to environmental issues that wish to cooperate in the preparation of the environmental document should follow the instructions for filing such requests described in item l below. Cooperating agencies should note the Commission's policy that agencies that cooperate in the preparation of the environmental document cannot also intervene. *See*, 94 FERC ¶ 61,076 (2001).

k. Pursuant to section 4.32(b)(7) of 18 CFR of the Commission's regulations, if any resource agency, Indian Tribe, or person believes that an additional

scientific study should be conducted in order to form an adequate factual basis for a complete analysis of the application on its merit, the resource agency, Indian Tribe, or person must file a request for a study with the Commission not later than 60 days from the date of filing of the application, and serve a copy of the request on the applicant.

l. *Deadline for filing additional study requests and requests for cooperating agency status:* December 1, 2023.

The Commission strongly encourages electronic filing. Please file additional study requests and requests for cooperating agency status using the Commission's eFiling system at <http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/efiling.asp>. For assistance, please contact FERC Online Support at FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov, (866) 208-3676 (toll free), or (202) 502-8659 (TTY).

m. The application is not ready for environmental analysis at this time.

n. *The existing Weston Dam Project consists of the following:* (1) a 220-foot-long, 15.5-foot-high concrete-covered stone and timber crib dam (Weston Dam) with four hydraulic sluice gates and a concrete cap spillway topped with 4.5-foot-high wooden flashboards with a crest elevation of 867.7 feet National Geodetic Vertical Datum of 1929 (NGVD 29) at the top of the flashboards; (2) an impoundment with a surface area of 30 acres and a storage capacity of 115 acre-feet at an elevation of 867.7 feet; (3) an intake structure; (4) a powerhouse with two Kaplan turbine-generator units with an authorized installed capacity of 540 kilowatts; (5) two 0.48 kilovolt (kV) generator leads; (6) three 0.48/34.5-kV transformers; (7) a 34.5-kV, 300-foot-long transmission line; and (8) appurtenant facilities.

The project operates in a run-of-river mode with a minimum flow of 132 cubic feet per second, or inflow, whichever is less. The project has an average annual generation of 2,357 megawatt-hours between 2013 and 2022.

Powerhouse Systems, Inc. is not proposing any changes to project facilities or operation.

o. Copies of the application may be viewed on the Commission's website at <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 (P-7883). For assistance, contact FERC Online Support at FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov or call tollfree, (866) 208-3676 or (202) 502-8659 (TTY).

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p. *Procedural schedule and final amendments:* The application will be processed according to the following preliminary schedule. Revisions to the schedule will be made as appropriate.

Issue Deficiency Letter (if necessary)—December 2023

Request Additional Information—January 2024

Issue Acceptance Letter—March 2024

Issue Scoping Document 1 for comments—March 2024

Request Additional Information (if necessary)—April 2024

Issue Scoping Document 2 (if necessary)—May 2024.

Issue Notice of Ready for Environmental Analysis—May 2024

Final amendments to the application must be filed with the Commission no later than 30 days from the issuance date of the notice of ready for environmental analysis.

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Kimberly D. Bose,
Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Project No. 1971-079]

Idaho Power Company; Notice of Revised Procedural Schedule for the Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement for the Hells Canyon Project

On July 21, 2003, Idaho Power Company (Idaho Power) filed an application for a new license to continue to operate and maintain the