

Commission's regulations.¹ On October 23, 2020, Commission staff noticed the NOI and approved the use of the traditional licensing process (TLP) to develop the license application. The existing license for Project No. 8047 expires on September 30, 2025.

The 684-kilowatt (kW) Willimantic #2 Project is located on the Willimantic River, in Windham County, Connecticut.

The principal project works consist of: (1) an upper dam with (i) a 12-foot-high and 175-foot-long granite block spillway with a crest elevation of 206.10 feet mean sea level (msl), (ii) a reservoir with a surface area of 2.5 acres, (iii) a 419-foot long power canal, (iv) trashracks with 2-inch clear bar spacing, (v) a 275-foot-long, 9-foot-diameter penstock, (vi) a powerhouse containing a Kaplan turbine-generator unit with an installed capacity of 684 kilowatts (kW), and (vii) a 50-foot-long tailrace with a tailwater elevation of 182.6 feet msl; (2) a lower dam with (i) a 15.2-foot-high and 125-foot-long granite block spillway with a crest elevation of 193.7 feet msl, and (ii) a reservoir with a surface area of 3.0 acres; (3) 1,000-foot-long, 4,160-Volt (V) generator lead, and a 1,500-kVA 600/2,400-V transformer bank; (4) a 520-foot-long, 23,500-V transmission line; and (5) appurtenant facilities. The project operates run-of-river and generates and estimated average of 1,201,000 kW hours a year.

Pursuant to section 16.20(c) of the Commission's regulations, an existing licensee with a minor license not subject to sections 14 and 15 of the Federal Power Act must file an application for a subsequent license at least 24 months prior to the expiration of the current license.² As stated above, Willimantic Power Corporation's NOI indicated that it would be filing an application for a subsequent license; however, it did not file an application for a subsequent license or an application for an exemption from licensing for the Willimantic #2 Project by the October 2, 2023 deadline.³

Therefore, pursuant to section 16.25(a) of the Commission's

regulations, we are soliciting applications from potential applicants other than the existing licensee.⁴ Interested parties have 90 days from the date of this notice to file a NOI to file an application for a subsequent license. An application for subsequent license or exemption for the Willimantic #2 Project (No. 8047) may be filed within 18 months of the date of filing the NOI. The existing licensee is prohibited from filing an application either individually or in combination with other entities.⁵

Questions concerning this notice should be directed to Jeanne Edwards at (202) 502-6181 or jeanne.edwards@ferc.gov.

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Debbie-Anne A. Reese,

Deputy Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Project No. 2417-067]

Northern States Power Company; Notice of Application Tendered for Filing With the Commission and Soliciting Additional Study Requests and Establishing Procedural Schedule for Relicensing and 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 Minor License.
- b. *Project No.:* 2417-067.
- c. *Date Filed:* November 30, 2023.
- d. *Applicant:* Northern States Power Company (Northern States Power).
- e. *Name of Project:* Hayward Hydroelectric Project (Hayward Project).
- f. *Location:* The Hayward Project is located on the Namekagon River in the City of Hayward in Sawyer County, Wisconsin.
- g. *Filed Pursuant to:* Federal Power Act 16 U.S.C. 791(a)-825(r).
- h. *Applicant Contact:* Donald Hartinger, Director of Renewable Operation-Hydro, Xcel Energy, 414 Nicollet Mall, 2, Minneapolis, MN 55401; phone (651) 261-7668; or Matthew Miller, Environmental Analyst, Xcel Energy, 1414 W Hamilton Ave., P.O. Box 8, Eau Claire, WI 54702-0008; phone 715-737-1353.

⁴ 18 CFR 16.25(a) (2022).

⁵ *Id.* § 16.24(b)(2) (2022).

i. *FERC Contact:* Laura Washington (202) 502-6072, Laura.Washington@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 (2023).

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:* January 29, 2024.

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). 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. The first page of any filing should include docket number P-2417-067.

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

n. The existing Hayward Project consists of the following existing facilities: (1) a 246.9-acre reservoir; (2) a 442-foot-long the concrete overflow dam; (3) a 18-foot-wide, 24-foot long powerhouse with intake channel containing one S. Morgan Smith vertical Francis-Type turbine with a total installed capacity of 0.168 megawatts;

(4) a tailrace; (5) a 150-foot-long underground transmission line. Northern States Power is not proposing any changes to project facilities or operation.

o. A copy of the application can 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. For assistance, contact FERC at FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov or call toll-free, (866) 208–3676 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. For assistance, contact FERC Online Support.

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.

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

Milestone	Target date
Issue Deficiency Letter (if necessary).	February 2024.
Request Additional Information (if necessary).	February 2024.
Issue Scoping Document 1 for comments.	May 2024.
Issue Acceptance Letter	June 2024.
Request Additional Information (if necessary).	July 2024.
Issue Scoping Document 2 (if necessary).	August 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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Debbie-Anne A. Reese,
Deputy Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Project No. 2570–000]

Eagle Creek Racine Hydro, LLC; Notice of Authorization for Continued Project Operation

The license for the Racine Hydroelectric Project No. 2570 was issued for a period ending November 30, 2023.

Section 15(a)(1) of the FPA, 16 U.S.C. 808(a)(1), requires the Commission, at the expiration of a license term, to issue from year-to-year an annual license to the then licensee(s) under the terms and conditions of the prior license until a 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. 2570 is issued to Eagle Creek Racine Hydro, LLC for a period effective December 1, 2023, through November 30, 2024, 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, 2024, 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 Eagle Creek Racine Hydro, LLC is authorized to continue operation of the Racine 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.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Project No. 2445–028]

Green Mountain Power Corporation; Notice of Revised Procedural Schedule for Environmental Assessment for the Proposed Project Relicense

On December 23, 2021, Green Mountain Power Corporation filed an application for a subsequent license to continue to operate and maintain the 275-kilowatt Center Rutland Hydroelectric Project No. 2445 (Center Rutland Project). On April 28, 2023, Commission staff issued a notice of intent to prepare an Environmental Assessment (EA) to evaluate the effects of relicensing the Center Rutland Project. The notice of intent included a schedule for preparing the EA.

By this notice, Commission staff is updating the procedural schedule for completing the EA. The revised schedule is shown below. Further revisions to the schedule may be made as appropriate.

Milestone	Target date
Issue EA	February 2024.

Any questions regarding this notice may be directed to Steve Kartalia at (202) 502–6131, or by email at stephen.kartalia@ferc.gov.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

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[Project No. 5867–054]

Alice Falls Hydro, LLC; Notice of Revised Procedural Schedule for Environmental Assessment for the Proposed Project Relicense

On September 29, 2021, Alice Falls Hydro, LLC filed an application for a