

8. To non-Federal Personnel, such as contractors, agents, or other authorized individuals performing work on a contract, service, cooperative agreement, job, or other activity on behalf of FERC or Federal Government and who have a need to access the information in the performance of their duties or activities.

9. To the National Archives and Records Administration in records management inspections and its role as Archivist.

10. To the Merit Systems Protection Board or the Board's Office of the Special Counsel, when relevant information is requested in connection with appeals, special studies of the civil service and other merit systems, review of OPM rules and regulations, and investigations of alleged or possible prohibited personnel practices.

11. To appropriate Federal, State, or local agency responsible for investigating, prosecuting, enforcing, or implementing a statute, rule, regulation, or order, if the information may be relevant to a potential violation of civil or criminal law, rule, regulation, order.

12. To appropriate agencies, entities, and person(s) that are a party to a dispute, when FERC determines that information from this system of records is reasonably necessary for the recipient to assist with the resolution of the dispute; the name, address, telephone number, email address, and affiliation; of the agency, entity, and/or person(s) seeking and/or participating in dispute resolution services, where appropriate.

#### **POLICIES AND PRACTICES FOR STORAGE OF RECORDS:**

Records are stored in paper and electronic format. Electronic records are stored on a SharePoint site within FERC's network. Data access is restricted to agency personnel whose responsibilities require access. Access to electronic records is controlled by the organization's Single Sign-On and Multi-Factor Authentication Solution. Paper records are stored in a lockable file cabinet. Access to the lockable file cabinet is badge-activated. Role based access is used to restrict data access and the organization employs the principle of least privilege, allowing only authorized users with access (or processes acting on behalf of users) necessary to accomplish assigned tasks in accordance with organizational missions and business functions.

#### **POLICIES AND PRACTICES FOR RETRIEVAL OF RECORDS:**

Records may be retrieved by the individual's name or by type of action.

#### **POLICIES AND PRACTICES FOR RETENTION AND DISPOSAL OF RECORDS:**

Records are retained in accordance with the applicable National Archives and Records Administration Schedules, with the following applicable General Records Schedule:

(1.) General Records Schedule (GRS) 2.3: Employee Relations Records, Item 050, DAA-GRS-2018-0002-0005.

Temporary. Destroy 7 years after case is closed or final settlement on appeal, as appropriate, but longer retention is authorized if required for business use.

(2.) General Records Schedule (GRS) 2.3: Employee Relations Records, Item 060, DAA-GRS-2018-0002-0006.

Temporary. Destroy no sooner than 4 years but no later than 7 years (see note 2) after case is closed or final settlement on appeal, as appropriate.

(3.) General Records Schedule (GRS) 2.3: Employee Relations Records, Item 080, DAA-GRS-2018-0002-0009.

Temporary. Destroy after 3 years of final resolution of case, but longer retention is authorized if required for business use.

(4.) General Records Schedule (GRS) 2.3: Employee Relations Records, Item 090, DAA-GRS-2018-0002-0010.

Temporary. Destroy after 3 years of final resolution of case, but longer retention is authorized if required for business use.

(5.) General Records Schedule (GRS) 2.3: Employee Relations Records, Item 100, DAA-GRS-2018-0002-0011.

Temporary. Destroy 3 years after final resolution of case, but longer retention is authorized if required for business use.

(6.) General Records Schedule (GRS) 2.3: Employee Relations Records, Item 110, DAA-GRS-2018-0002-0012.

Temporary. Destroy 3 years after final resolution of case, but longer retention is authorized if required for business use.

(7.) General Records Schedule (GRS) 2.3: Employee Relations Records, Item 111, DAA-GRS-2018-0002-0013.

Temporary. Destroy 7 years after final resolution of case, but longer retention is authorized if required for business use.

#### **ADMINISTRATIVE, TECHNICAL, AND PHYSICAL SAFEGUARDS:**

See Policies and Practices for Storage of Records.

#### **RECORD ACCESS PROCEDURES:**

Individuals requesting access to the contents of records must submit a request through the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) office. The FOIA website is located at: <https://www.ferc.gov/foia>. Requests may be

submitted through the following portal: <https://www.ferc.gov/enforcement-legal/foia/electronic-foia-privacy-act-request-form>. Written requests for access to records should be directed to: Director, Office of External Affairs, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street NE, Washington, DC 20426.

#### **CONTESTING RECORD PROCEDURES:**

See Records Access procedures.

#### **NOTIFICATION PROCEDURES:**

Generalized notice is provided by the publication of this notice. For specific notice, see Records Access Procedure, above.

#### **EXEMPTIONS PROMULGATED FOR THE SYSTEM:**

None.

#### **HISTORY:**

65 FR 21743 (April 24, 2000).

Dated: September 13, 2024.

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

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## **DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY**

### **Federal Energy Regulatory Commission**

**[Project No. 2347-000]**

#### **Notice of Authorization for Continued Project Operation; Midwest Hydro, LLC**

The license for the Janesville Central Hydroelectric Project No. 2347 was issued for a period ending August 31, 2024.

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. 2347 is issued to Midwest Hydro, LLC for a period effective September 1, 2024, through August 31, 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 August 31, 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 Midwest Hydro, LLC is authorized to continue operation of the Janesville Central 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: September 13, 2024.

**Debbie-Anne A. Reese,**

*Acting Secretary.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Project No. 2569-169]

#### **Erie Boulevard Hydropower, L.P.; Notice of Application Tendered for Filing With the Commission and Establishing Procedural Schedule for Licensing 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:* New Major License.

b. *Project No.:* 2569-169.

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

d. *Applicant:* Erie Boulevard Hydropower, L.P. (Erie).

e. *Name of Project:* Black River Hydroelectric Project (project).

f. *Location:* On the Black River in Jefferson County, New York.

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

h. *Applicant Contact:* Mr. Steven P. Murphy, Director—U.S. Licensing, Brookfield Renewable, 33 West 1st Street South, Fulton, NY 13069; telephone at (315) 598-6130; email at *Stephen.Murphy@brookfieldrenewable.com*.

i. *FERC Contact:* Nicholas Ettema, Project Coordinator, Great Lakes Branch, Division of Hydropower Licensing; telephone at (312) 596-4447; email at *nicholas.ettema@ferc.gov*.

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

k. *Project Description:* The project consists of the following five developments from upstream to downstream: the 5.0625-megawatt (MW) Herrings Development, the 10.8-MW Deferiet Development, the 5.4-MW Kamargo Development, the 6-MW Black River Development, and the 1.875-MW Sewalls Development.

#### **Project Facilities**

##### *Herrings Development*

The Herrings Development consists of a concrete dam (Herrings Dam) that includes the following sections: (1) a 536-foot-long section that includes a 512-foot-long ogee spillway with 1-foot-high flashboards that have a crest elevation of 680.1 feet North American Vertical Datum of 1988 (NAVD 88) and a 9-foot-long stoplog gate; and (2) a 137-foot-long, 33-foot-wide powerhouse that includes: (a) a 110-foot-long intake structure with nine sluice gates, a skimmer equipped with a stoplog gate, and a trashrack with 2-inch clear bar spacing; and (b) three 1.6875-MW vertical propeller turbine-generators, for a total installed capacity of 5.0625-MW. The dam creates an impoundment that has a surface area of 140 acres at 680.1 feet NAVD 88. From the impoundment, water flows through the powerhouse to an approximately 110-foot-long tailrace.

*The project recreation facilities include:* (1) a hand-carry boat access site on the north shoreline of the impoundment, approximately 300 feet upstream of the dam, including a picnic area and parking area; (2) an 800-foot-long portage trail that extends from the hand-carry boat access area to a put-in site on the north shoreline of the Black River, 140 feet downstream of the powerhouse; (3) a fishing access area on the north shoreline of the impoundment, approximately 100 feet upstream of the dam; and (4) a fishing access area on the north shoreline of the Black River, which is co-located with the boat put-in site downstream of the powerhouse.

The generators are connected to the regional electric grid by two 100-foot-

long, 2.3-kilovolt (kV) overhead generator lead lines and a 2.3/23-kV step-up transformer. The minimum and maximum hydraulic capacities of the powerhouse are 220 and 3,435 cfs, respectively. The average annual energy production of the development from 2010 through 2020, was 55,708 megawatt-hours (MWh).

##### *Deferiet Development*

The Deferiet Development consists of a concrete dam (Deferiet Dam) that includes the following sections: (1) a 503.9-foot-long spillway with a 3-foot-high inflatable rubber crest gate with a maximum crest elevation of 659.53 feet NAVD 88; (2) a 192-foot-long section with eleven 14-foot-long stoplog gates; (3) a 52.3-foot-long non-overflow section; and (4) a headgate structure with ten sluice gates. The dam creates an impoundment that has a surface area of 70 acres at 659.53 feet NAVD 88.

From the impoundment, water flows through the headgate structure to a 4,200-foot-long power canal. From the power canal, water enters a 145.4-foot-long, 92.5-foot-wide powerhouse that includes: (1) a 107.8-foot-long intake structure that includes three sluice gates and a trashrack with 2-inch clear bar spacing; and (2) three 3.6-MW vertical Francis turbine-generators, for a total installed capacity of 10.8 MW. Water is discharged from the powerhouse to an approximately 1,400-foot-long tailrace. The development creates an approximately 1.73-mile-long bypassed reach of the Black River.

The development also includes a stoplog gate adjacent to the intake structure that conveys water to an ice chute that discharges downstream of the powerhouse.

The project recreation facilities include: (1) a hand-carry boat access site and parking area immediately east of the headgate structure; (2) a hand-carry boat portage route with a take-out site at the hand-carry boat access site, a 960-foot-long portage trail, and a put-in site on the north shoreline of the Black River, approximately 200 feet downstream of the dam; (3) a boat access site and parking area on the shoreline of an island, at the confluence of the tailrace and bypassed reach; (4) a hand-carry boat access site on the south shoreline of the impoundment, approximately 0.5 mile upstream of the dam, that includes a 170-foot-long access path and parking area; and (5) a 0.68-mile-long hiking trail that follows the northern shoreline of the Black River downstream of the dam.

The generators are connected to the regional electric grid by three 65-foot-long, 2.3-kV overhead generator lead