

13, 2024, so that the comments may be made available to the EWAB members prior to this meeting for their consideration. Please note that because EWAB operates under the provisions of FACA, all public comments and related materials will be treated as public documents and will be made available for public inspection, including being posted on the EWAB website.

*Minutes:* The minutes of this meeting will be available on the 21st Century Energy Workforce Advisory Board website at <https://www.energy.gov/policy/21st-century-energy-workforce-advisory-board-ewab> or by contacting Piper O'Keefe at [EWAB@hq.doe.gov](mailto:EWAB@hq.doe.gov).

Signed in Washington, DC, on December 14, 2023.

**LaTanya Butler,**

*Deputy Committee Management Officer.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Project No. 12790-015]

#### Andrew Peklo III; Notice of Availability of Environmental Assessment

In accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 and the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission's (Commission or FERC) regulations, 18 CFR part 380, Commission staff reviewed Andrew Peklo III's (licensee) application for an amendment of the project license for the Pomperaug Hydroelectric Project No. 12790 and have prepared an Environmental Assessment (EA) for the proposed amendment. The licensee proposes to install two 45 kilowatt (kW) turbines (for a total generating capacity of 90 kW) instead of the single 76 kW turbine authorized in the project license. The Pomperaug Project is unconstructed and would consist of a powerhouse located adjacent to the existing Pomperaug Dam on the Pomperaug River in the town of Woodbury, Litchfield County, Connecticut, and is not located on Federal lands.

The final EA contains Commission staff's analysis of the potential environmental effects of the proposed two-turbine installation and supporting activities, alternatives to the proposed action, and concludes that the proposed installation, with appropriate environmental protective measures, would not constitute a major Federal action that would significantly affect the quality of the human environment.

The final EA may be viewed on the Commission's website at <http://www.ferc.gov> using the "elibrary" link. Enter the docket number (P-12790-015) in the docket number field to access the document. For assistance, contact FERC Online Support at [FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov](mailto:FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov) or toll-free at 1-866-208-3676, or for TTY, (202) 502-8659.

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](mailto:OPP@ferc.gov).

For further information, contact Zeena Aljibury at 202-502-6065 or [zeena.aljibury@ferc.gov](mailto:zeena.aljibury@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. 2628-000]

#### Alabama Power Company; Notice of Authorization for Continued Project Operation

The license for the R.L. Harris Hydroelectric Project No. 2628 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. 2628 is issued to Alabama Power Company 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 Alabama Power Company is authorized to continue operation of the R.L. Harris 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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**Debbie-Anne A. Reese,**

*Deputy Secretary.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Project No. 8047-015]

#### Willimantic Power Corporation; Notice Soliciting Applications

On August 31, 2020, Willimantic Power Corporation (licensee), a subsidiary of Enel Green Power North America filed a Notice of Intent (NOI) to file an application for a subsequent license for its Willimantic #2 Hydroelectric Project, No. 8047, pursuant to section 16.19(b)(3) of the

Commission's regulations.<sup>1</sup> 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.<sup>2</sup> 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.<sup>3</sup>

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

regulations, we are soliciting applications from potential applicants other than the existing licensee.<sup>4</sup> 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.<sup>5</sup>

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

<sup>4</sup> 18 CFR 16.25(a) (2022).

<sup>5</sup> *Id.* § 16.24(b)(2) (2022).

i. *FERC Contact:* Laura Washington (202) 502-6072, [Laura.Washington@ferc.gov](mailto: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](mailto: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;