

If the project is not subject to section 15 of the FPA, notice is hereby given that Village of Swanton, Vermont is authorized to continue operation of the Highgate Falls 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: May 9, 2024.

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

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**DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY**

**Federal Energy Regulatory Commission**

[Project No. 4472-031]

**Union Falls Hydropower, L.P.; Notice of Intent To Prepare an Environmental Assessment**

On June 30, 2022, Union Falls Hydropower, L.P. filed a relicense application for the 2.6-megawatt Saranac Hydroelectric Project No. 4472 (project). The project is located on the Saranac River in Franklin and Clinton Counties, New York.

In accordance with the Commission's regulations, on February 29, 2024, Commission staff issued a notice that the project was ready for environmental analysis (REA Notice). Based on the information in the record, including comments filed on the REA Notice, staff does not anticipate that licensing the project would constitute a major federal action significantly affecting the quality of the human environment. Therefore,

staff intends to prepare an Environmental Assessment (EA) on the application to relicense the project.

The EA will be issued and circulated for review by all interested parties. All comments filed on the EA will be analyzed by staff and considered in the Commission's final licensing decision.

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*.

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

Milestone	Target date
Commission issues EA .....	May 2025. <sup>1</sup>
Comments on EA .....	July 2025.

<sup>1</sup> The Council on Environmental Quality's (CEQ) regulations under 40 CFR 1501.10(b)(1) (2023) require that EAs be completed within 1 year of the federal action agency's decision to prepare an EA. See National Environmental Policy Act, 42 U.S.C. 4321 *et seq.*, as amended by section 107(g)(1)(B)(iii) of the Fiscal Responsibility Act of 2023, Public Law 118-5, sec. 4336a, 137 Stat. 42.

Any questions regarding this notice may be directed to Joshua Dub at (202) 502-8138 or *Joshua.dub@ferc.gov*.

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**DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY**

**Federal Energy Regulatory Commission**

[Project No. 7153-000]

**Consolidated Hydro New York, LLC; Notice of Authorization for Continued Project Operation**

The license for the Victory Mills Hydroelectric Project No. 7153 was issued for a period ending April 30, 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. 7153 is issued to Consolidated Hydro New York, LLC for a period effective May 1, 2024, through April 30, 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 April 30, 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 Consolidated Hydro New York, LLC is authorized to continue operation of the Victory Mills 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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