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

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Project No. 2327-000]

#### Great Lakes Hydro America, LLC; Notice of Authorization for Continued Project Operation

The license for the Cascade Hydroelectric Project No. 2327 was issued for a period ending June 1, 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. 2327 is issued to Great Lakes Hydro America, LLC for a period effective August 1, 2024, through July 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 July 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 Great Lakes Hydro America, LLC is authorized to continue operation of the Cascade 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

### Southwestern Power Administration

#### Sam Rayburn Dam—Rate Order No. SWPA-84

**AGENCY:** Southwestern Power Administration, DOE.

**ACTION:** Notice of rate order.

**SUMMARY:** The Administrator, Southwestern Power Administration

(Southwestern), has confirmed, approved and placed into effect on an interim basis Rate Order No. SWPA-84 (Rate Order), which provides the rate schedule *Wholesale Rates for Hydro Power and Energy at Sam Rayburn Dam and Reservoir* (SRD-23). This new rate schedule for the Sam Rayburn Dam and Reservoir (Rayburn) replaces the existing power rate under Rate Schedule SRD-15 which expires on September 30, 2024. Rate Schedule SRD-23 increases the annual wholesale power rate for Rayburn by 21.1 percent.

**DATES:** The effective period for the rate schedule specified in Rate Order No. SWPA-84 is October 1, 2024, through September 30, 2027, pending confirmation and approval by the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) on a final basis, or until superseded.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Ms. Fritha Ohlson, Senior Vice President, Chief Operating Officer, Southwestern Power Administration, (918) 595-6646 or [fritha.ohlson@swpa.gov](mailto:fritha.ohlson@swpa.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** On June 30, 2016, FERC confirmed and approved Rate Schedule SRD-15 under Rate Order No. SWPA-69 on a final basis through September 30, 2019. Rate Schedule SRD-15 was subsequently extended through September 30, 2024. Southwestern published a **Federal Register** notice (Proposed FRN) on December 5, 2023 (87 FR 84318), proposing to increase the annual rate by approximately 21.10% from \$4,563,792 to \$5,526,588. The Proposed FRN also initiated a 90-day public consultation and comment period and set the date of the public information and public comment forum to be January 17, 2024. No written comments were received and there were no outstanding comments or questions from the public information and public comment forum.

Following review of the proposal, Rate Order No. SWPA-84, which provides the rate for the hydro power and energy from Sam Rayburn Dam and Reservoir, is hereby confirmed, approved, and placed into effect on an interim basis. Southwestern will submit Rate Order No. SWPA-84 to FERC for confirmation and approval on a final basis.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

ADMINISTRATOR, SOUTHWESTERN POWER ADMINISTRATION

*In the matter of:* Southwestern Power Administration, Sam Rayburn Dam Rate Schedule, Rate Order No. SWPA-84