

DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory
Commission

[Project No. 2997–031]

South Sutter Water District; Notice of
Intent To Prepare an Environmental
Assessment

On July 1, 2019, South Sutter Water District (SSWD) filed an application for a major, new license for the 6.8-megawatt Camp Far West Hydroelectric Project No. 2997 (Camp Far West Project), which was amended on December 28, 2023. The Camp Far West Project is located on the Bear River in Yuba, Nevada, and Placer Counties, California. No Federal or Tribal lands occur within or adjacent to the project boundary or along the Bear River downstream of the project.

In accordance with the Commission's regulations, on September 5, 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 in response to 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 a draft and final Environmental Assessment (EA) on the application to relicense the Camp Far West Project.¹

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.

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The application will be processed according to the following schedule.

¹ In accordance with the Council on Environmental Quality's regulations, the unique identification number for documents relating to this environmental review is EAXX–019–20–000–1732280168. 40 CFR 1501.5(c)(4) (2024).

Revisions to the schedule may be made as appropriate.²

Milestone	Target date
Commission issues draft EA.	April 2025.
Comments on draft EA Commission issues final EA.	May 2025. November 2025. ³

Any questions regarding this notice may be directed to Quinn Emmering, the Commission's coordinator assigned to the project relicense, at (202) 502–6382 or *quinn.emmering@ferc.gov*.

Dated: November 25, 2024.

Debbie-Anne A. Reese,

Secretary.

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[Docket No. EL25–8–000]

Notice of Institution of Section 206
Proceeding and Refund Effective Date;
NorthWestern Corporation

On November 25, 2024, the Commission issued an order in Docket No. EL25–8–000, pursuant to section 206 of the Federal Power Act (FPA), 16 U.S.C. 824e, instituting an investigation to determine whether NorthWestern Corporation's Rate Schedule is unjust, unreasonable, unduly discriminatory or preferential, or otherwise unlawful. *NorthWestern Corporation*, 189 FERC ¶ 61,137 (2024).

The refund effective date in Docket No. EL25–8–000 established pursuant to section 206(b) of the FPA, will be the date of publication of this notice in the **Federal Register**.

Any interested person desiring to be heard in Docket No. EL25–8–000 must file a notice of intervention or motion to intervene, as appropriate, with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, in accordance with Rule 214 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure, 18 CFR 385.214 (2024), within 21 days of the date of issuance of the order.

² Please note, this notice and the schedule herein, supersedes the Notice of Intent to Prepare an EA issued by staff on August 5, 2021.

³ The Council on Environmental Quality's (CEQ) regulations under 40 CFR 1501.10(b)(1) 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, 4336a, 137 Stat. 42.

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The Commission strongly encourages electronic filings of comments, protests and interventions in lieu of paper using the "eFile" link at <http://www.ferc.gov>. In lieu of electronic filing, you may submit a paper copy. Submissions sent via the U.S. Postal Service must be addressed to: Debbie-Anne A. Reese, Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street NE, Room 1A, Washington, DC 20426. Submissions sent via any other carrier must be addressed to: Debbie-Anne A. Reese, Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 12225 Wilkins Avenue, Rockville, Maryland 20852.

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Dated: November 26, 2024.

Carlos D. Clay,

Acting Deputy Secretary.

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