

who file a motion to intervene in accordance with the Commission's Rules may become a party to the proceeding. Any comments, protests, or motions to intervene must be received on or before the specified comment date for the particular application.

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p. Procedural Schedule: The application will be processed according to the following schedule. Revisions to the schedule will be made as appropriate.

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Dated: January 16, 2025.

Debbie-Anne A. Reese,
Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Project No. 15230-002]

Pike Island Hydropower Corporation; Notice of Application Accepted for Filing and Soliciting Motions To Intervene and Protests

Take notice that the following hydroelectric application has been filed with the Commission and is available for public inspection.

a. Type of Application: Original Major License.

b. Project No.: 15230-002.

c. Date Filed: May 14, 2024.

d. Applicant: Pike Island Hydropower Corporation.

e. Name of Project: Pike Island Hydroelectric Project (Pike Island Project).

f. Location: The Pike Island Project would be located at the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers' (Corps) Pike Island Locks and Dam on the Ohio River in Belmont County, Ohio. The project would occupy 2 acres of Federal land administered by the Corps.

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

h. Applicant Contact: Mr. Jeremy King, Current Hydro, LLC, 3120 Southwest Freeway, Suite 101, PMB 50808, Houston, TX 77098.

i. FERC Contact: Colleen Corballis at (202) 502-8598 or colleen.corballis@ferc.gov; or Shivani Khetani at (212) 273-5917 or Shivani.khetani@ferc.gov.

j. Deadline for filing motions to intervene and protests: 60 days from the issuance date of this notice.

The Commission strongly encourages electronic filing. Please file motions to intervene and protests using the Commission's eFiling system at <https://ferconline.ferc.gov/ferconline.aspx>. Commenters can submit brief comments up to 6,000 characters, without prior registration, using the eComment system at <https://ferconline.ferc.gov/QuickComment.aspx>. For assistance, please contact FERC Online Support at 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: 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. All filings must clearly identify the project name and docket number on the first page: Pike Island Hydroelectric Project (P-15230-002).

The Commission's Rules of Practice require all intervenors filing documents with the Commission to serve a copy of that document on each person on the official service list for the project. Further, if an intervenor files comments or documents with the Commission relating to the merits of an issue that may affect the responsibilities of a particular resource agency, they must also serve a copy of the document on that resource agency.

k. This application has been accepted for filing but is not ready for environmental analysis.

l. The Pike Island Project would be located the Corps' existing Pike Island

Locks and Dam and would consist of the following new facilities: (1) a 101-foot-wide, 193-foot-long reinforced concrete powerhouse; (2) a 90-foot-wide, 110-foot-long intake section with trash racks; (3) two Kaplan pit turbine-generators with a combined capacity of 19.99 megawatts; (4) a 95-foot-wide, 150-foot-long tailrace channel; (5) a 13.8-kilovolt (kV), 550-foot-long underground utilidor crossing under River Road; (6) a 2,223 foot-long, 69-kV, three phase overhead transmission line connecting the powerhouse substation to the 69-kV Glenn Run-Tiltonsville interconnection point in Ohio; and (7) appurtenant facilities.

m. A copy of the application is available for review via the internet through the Commission's Home Page (<http://www.ferc.gov>), using the "eLibrary" link. Enter the docket number, excluding the last three digits in the docket number field, to access the document. For assistance, contact FERC at FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov or call toll free, (886) 208-3676 or TTY (202) 502-8659.

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n. 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.

o. Any qualified applicant desiring to file a competing application must submit to the Commission, on or before the specified intervention deadline date, a competing development application, or a notice of intent to file such an application. Submission of a timely notice of intent allows an interested person to file the competing development application no later than 120 days after the specified intervention deadline date. Applications for preliminary permits will not be accepted in response to this notice.

A notice of intent must specify the exact name, business address, and telephone number of the prospective applicant, and must include an unequivocal statement of intent to

submit a development application. A notice of intent must be served on the applicant(s) named in this public notice.

Anyone may submit comments, a protest, or a motion to intervene in accordance with the requirements of Rules of Practice and Procedure, 18 CFR 385.210, .211, and .214. In determining the appropriate action to take, the Commission will consider all protests or other comments filed, but only those who file a motion to intervene in accordance with the Commission's Rules may become a party to the proceeding. Any comments, protests, or motions to intervene must be received on or before the specified comment date for the particular application.

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[Project No. 3407–088]

Big Wood Canal Company; Notice Soliciting Applications and Waiving Regulations

On January 3, 2022, Big Wood Canal Company, licensee for the Magic Dam Hydroelectric Project No. 3407 (project), filed a Notice of Intent (NOI) to file an application for a new license for the project pursuant to section 15(b)(1) of the Federal Power Act (FPA).¹ On March 1, 2022, Commission staff issued public notice of the NOI and approved the use of the traditional licensing process to develop the license application. The current license for the project expires on December 31, 2026.²

The 9-megawatt project is located on the Big Wood River in Blaine and Camas Counties, Idaho. The project consists of: (1) a 640-foot-long, 128-foot-high earth-filled dam; (2) a 1,260-foot-long, 50-foot-high dike; (3) a 1,200-foot-long spillway structure; (4) a 3,740-acre reservoir with a storage capacity of approximately 191,500 acre-feet at an elevation of 4,798 feet; (5) a 37-foot-high intake tower; (6) a 620-foot-long, 132-inch-diameter outlet conduit leading to a 170-foot-long, 132-inch-diameter penstock connecting to a powerhouse; (7) a powerhouse containing three generating units with a combined capacity of 9 megawatts; (8) a 9.2-mile-long, 4.16 kilovolt transmission line; and (9) appurtenant facilities. The average annual energy generation of the project is approximately 14.3 gigawatt-hours.

Pursuant to section 15(c)(1) of the FPA³ and section 16.9 of the Commission's regulations,⁴ an existing licensee must file an application for a new license at least 24 months prior to the expiration of the current license. As stated above, Big Wood Canal Company's NOI indicated that it would

¹ 16 U.S.C. 808(b)(1).

² Cook Electric, Inc., who transferred the license to Magic Reservoir Hydroelectric Inc., who subsequently transferred the license to Big Wood Canal Company, was issued a major license for the project on January 15, 1987, for a term of 40 years, effective the first day of the month in which the order was issued. *See Cook Electric, Inc.*, 38 FERC ¶ 62,034 (1987); *Cook Elec., Inc. and Magic Reservoir Hydroelectric, Inc.*, 44 FERC ¶ 62,144 (1988); *Magic Reservoir Hydroelectric, Inc. and Big Wood Canal Co.*, 166 FERC ¶ 62,037 (2019). Therefore, the license would expire on December 31, 2026, and the statutory deadline for filing a new license application was December 31, 2024. *See FPA 15(c)(1)*, 16 U.S.C. 808(c)(1).

³ 16 U.S.C. 808(c)(1).

⁴ 18 CFR 16.9 (2024).

file an application for a new license; however, it did not file an application for a new license for the project by the December 31, 2024 deadline. Instead, on December 31, 2024, Big Wood Canal Company requested a 3-month extension of time to file its final license application.⁵

The statutory date for filing a final license application cannot be waived.⁶ Therefore, the request for an extension of time to file a final license application for the Magic Dam Hydroelectric Project was denied. Pursuant to section 16.25(a) of the Commission's regulations, the Commission is soliciting applications from potential applicants. This solicitation is necessary because the deadline for filing an application for a new license and any competing license applications, pursuant to section 16.9 of the Commission's regulations, was December 31, 2024, and no other license applications for this project were filed.

With this notice, we are waiving those parts of section 16.24(a) and 16.25(a) which bar an existing licensee that missed the two-year application filing deadline from filing another application. Further, because Big Wood Canal Company completed the pre-filing consultation requirements pursuant to Part 4 of the Commission's regulations, we are waiving the consultation requirements in section 16.8(b) and (c) for the existing licensee. Consequently, Big Wood Canal Company will be allowed to file a license application and compete for the license.

The licensee is required to make available certain information described in section 16.7 of the regulations. For more information from the licensee, please contact Big Wood Canal Company's authorized agent Mr. Peter Josten, 2742 Saint Charles Avenue, Idaho Falls, ID 83404, (208) 339–3542.

Pursuant to section 16.25(b), a potential applicant that files a notice of intent within 90 days from the date of this notice: (1) may apply for a license under Part I of the FPA and Part 4 (except section 4.38) of the Commission's regulations within 18 months of the date on which it files its notice; and (2) must comply with sections 16.8 and 16.10 of the Commission's regulations.

Questions concerning this notice should be directed to Amy Chang at (202) 502–6154 or email at amy.chang@ferc.gov.

⁵ *See Big Wood Canal Company December 31, 2024 Request for Extension.*

⁶ *See Pacific Gas and Elec. Co.*, 98 FERC ¶ 61,032 (2002), *reh'g denied*, 99 FERC ¶ 61,045 (2002).