

The proposed project would consist of the following: (1) an upper reservoir with a submerged screened lake tap within the LBRR with a 100-foot diameter, 30-foot high intake riser at an elevation of 5,680.3 feet NAVD88, a 50-foot diameter intake lake tap at an elevation of 5,680.3 feet NAVD88 with a 23-foot by 23-foot fixed wheel gate and 23-foot by 23-foot stoplogs; (2) a lower reservoir (SSR) with a submerged screened lake tap with an 80-foot diameter, 30-foot high intake riser at an elevation of 3,693.5 feet NAVD88, a 40-foot diameter intake lake tap at an elevation of 3,693.5 feet NAVD88, and a 22-foot butterfly valve for the lower intake; (3) a 10,700-foot long, 22-foot-diameter low pressure headrace tunnel (tunnel 1); (4) a 1560-foot-long, 22-foot diameter pressure shaft with a 550-foot-long, 30-foot diameter surge shaft daylighting on the surface; (5) a 4,700-foot long, 22-foot diameter pressurized water conveyance system (tunnel 2); (6) a 260-foot long, 70-foot wide, 163-foot high underground cavern containing two reversible Francis turbines with a spare bay for the potential installation of a third unit in the future with a total generating capacity of 400 megawatts; (7) a 2,200-foot long, 22-foot diameter low pressure tailrace (tunnel 3); (8) a 4,100-foot-long, 18-foot diameter utility tunnel that would transmit power to the 230-kilovolt switchyard serving as the interconnection point with the existing Salt Springs substation; and (9) appurtenant facilities.

I. In addition to publishing this notice in the **Federal Register**, the Commission provides all interested persons an opportunity to view and/or print the contents of this notice, as well as other documents in the proceeding (e.g., license application) via the internet through the Commission's Home Page (<https://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 (P-14796). For assistance, please contact FERC Online Support at FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov, (866) 208-3676 (toll free), or (202) 502-8659 (TTY). You may also register online at <https://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.

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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.

n. Procedural Schedule:

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

Milestone	Target date
Deficiency letter (if necessary) Additional Information Request (if necessary).	April 2025. April 2025.
Notice of Acceptance/Notice of Ready for Environmental Analysis.	July 2025.

o. Final amendments to the application must be filed with the Commission no later than 30 days from the issuance date of the notice of ready for environmental analysis.

Dated: March 28, 2025.

Debbie-Anne A. Reese,

Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Project No. 15045-002-WV; Project No. 15230-002-OH]

Notice of Scoping Meetings and Environmental Site Review and Soliciting Scoping Comments: Current Hydro Project 19, LLC; Pike Island Hydropower Corporation

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

a. *Types of Applications:* Original Major Licenses.

b. *Project Nos.:* P-15045-002—New Cumberland Hydroelectric Project; P-15230-002—Pike Island Hydroelectric Project.

c. *Dates Filed:* May 8, 2024 for P-15045-002; May 14, 2024 for P-15230-002.

d. *Applicants:* Current Hydro Project 19, LLC for P-15045-002; Pike Island Hydropower Corporation for P-15230-002.

e. *Name of Projects:* New Cumberland Hydroelectric Project (P-15045-002); Pike Island Hydroelectric Project (P-15230-002).

f. *Locations:* New Cumberland Hydroelectric Project on the Ohio River in Hancock County, West Virginia.

Pike Island Hydroelectric Project on the Ohio River in Belmont County, Ohio.

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

h. *Applicant Contact:* Hailee Kessel, Senior Regulatory Lead, Current Hydro, LLC, 3120 Southwest Freeway, Suite 101, PMB 50808, Houston, TX 77098, telephone at (315) 558-9834; email at hailee@currenthydro.com.

i. *FERC Contact:* Colleen Corballis, Project Coordinator, Midwest Branch, Division of Hydropower Licensing; telephone at (202) 502-8598; email at colleen.corballis@ferc.gov.

j. *Deadline for Filing Scoping Comments:* May 30, 2025.

The Commission strongly encourages electronic filing. Please file scoping comments using the Commission's eFiling system at <https://ferconline.ferc.gov/FERCOOnline.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, MD 20852. All filings must clearly identify the project name and docket number on the first page: New Cumberland Hydroelectric Project No. 15045-002 and/or Pike Island Hydroelectric Project No. 15230-002.

The Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure require all intervenors filing documents with the Commission to serve a copy of that document on each person on the official service list for each 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. The application is not ready for environmental analysis at this time.

l. *Project Descriptions:* The proposed New Cumberland Project would be located the U.S. Army Corps of

Engineers' (Corps) existing New Cumberland Lock and Dam and would consist of: (1) a 90-foot-wide, 350-foot-long, and 69-foot-high intake channel with trash racks; (2) a 186.8-foot-long, 98-foot-wide, and 74.5-foot-high concrete powerhouse on the east bank of the Ohio River; (3) two identical Kaplan pit turbine-generators with a total installed capacity of 19.99 megawatts (MW); (4) a 95-foot-wide, 215-foot-long tailrace channel; (5) a 180-foot-long, 12.47-kilovolt (kV), 22.2 megavolt ampere (MVA) underground transmission line crossing under the Norfolk Southern Railway, transitioning to a 350-foot-long overhead transmission line to a substation; (6) a 90-foot-long, 90-foot-wide powerhouse substation including a 12.47-kV/138-kV, 25-MVA 3-phase single pad-mounted transformer; (7) a 1,050-foot-long, 138-kV, three phase overhead transmission line connecting the powerhouse substation to the existing 138-kilowatt (kW) transmission line; and (8) appurtenant facilities. The proposed estimated annual generation would be 132.4 gigawatt hours (GWh).

The proposed Pike Island Project would be located at the Corps' existing Pike Island Locks and Dam, and would consist of: (1) a 90-foot-wide, 180-foot-long, and 69-foot-high intake section with trash racks; (2) a 186.8-foot-long and 98-foot-wide concrete powerhouse on the west bank of the Ohio River; (3) two identical Kaplan pit turbine-generators with a total installed capacity of 19.99 MW; (4) a 150-foot-long and 95-foot-wide tailrace channel; (5) a new 550-foot-long, 12.47-kV, 25-MVA underground utilidor crossing under River Road; (6) a 100-foot-long and 120-foot-wide substation including a 3,600-foot-long, 69-kV three phase overhead transmission line connecting the powerhouse substation to the existing 69-kV transmission line; and (7) appurtenant facilities. The proposed estimated annual energy production would be 136.1 GWh.

m. A copy of the application can be viewed on the Commission's website at <https://www.ferc.gov> using the "eLibrary" link. Enter the Project's docket number excluding the last three digits in the docket number field to access the document (P-15045 or P-15230). For assistance, contact FERC Online Support.

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o. Scoping Process:

Pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), Commission staff intends to prepare either an environmental assessment (EA) or an environmental impact statement (EIS) (collectively referred to as the "NEPA document") that describes and evaluates the probable effects, including an assessment of the site-specific and cumulative effects, if any, of the proposed action and alternatives. The Commission's scoping process will help determine the required level of analysis and satisfy the NEPA scoping requirements, irrespective of whether the Commission issues an EA or an EIS.

Scoping Meetings

In addition to written comments solicited by this notice, Commission staff will hold two joint public scoping meetings for the Projects at the times and locations noted below. All interested individuals, resource agencies, Indian Tribes, and NGOs are invited to attend any of the meetings to assist Commission staff in identifying the scope of the environmental issues that should be analyzed in the NEPA document. The times and locations of these meetings are as follows:

Daytime Scoping Meeting

Date: May 6, 2025.

Time: 9:00 a.m. EST to 11:00 a.m. Eastern Daylight Time (EDT).

Meeting Location: To Be Determined.

Evening Scoping Meeting

Date: May 6, 2025.

Time: 5:00 p.m. EST to 7:00 p.m. EDT.

Location: To Be Determined.

Scoping Document 1 (SD1), which outlines the subject areas to be addressed in the NEPA document, was mailed to the individuals and entities on the Commission's mailing list and the applicants' distribution lists. Copies of SD1 will be available at the scoping meetings, or may be viewed on the web at <http://www.ferc.gov>, using the "eLibrary" link. Follow the directions for accessing information in paragraph m.

Environmental Site Review

Current Hydro and Commission staff will conduct an environmental site review of the Pike Island Project beginning at 2:00 p.m. EDT on May 6, 2025. Participants should meet at 2:00 p.m. EDT at the Fisherman's Access Area parking lot, which is located at the Pike Island Locks and Dam Fisherman's Access Area in Yorkville, OH 26003. All participants must remain in publicly accessible spaces and should wear closed-toe shoes/boots for walking in uneven/sloped terrain around the proposed project area.

All interested individuals, resource agencies, Indian Tribes, and NGOs are invited to attend the site review. If you plan to attend the site review, please contact Mitchell Kriege of Current Hydro at (859) 630-7389, or via email at mitchell@currenthydro.com on or before April 22, 2025, and indicate if you are attending the Pike Island Project environmental site review and how many participants will be attending with you.

There will not be an environmental site review at the proposed New Cumberland Project due to site access constraints to the proposed project.

Meeting Procedures

Individuals, NGOs, Indian Tribes, and agencies with environmental expertise and concerns are encouraged to attend the meetings and to assist the staff in defining and clarifying the issues to be addressed in the NEPA document. At the start of each meeting, Commission staff will provide a brief overview of the meeting format and objectives. Individual oral comments will be taken on a one-on-one basis with a court reporter (with Commission staff present). This format is designed to receive the maximum number of oral comments in a convenient way during the timeframe allotted. If you wish to speak, Commission staff will hand out numbers in the order of your arrival. If all individuals who wish to provide comments have had an opportunity to do so, Commission staff may conclude the meeting a half hour earlier than the scheduled time. Please see appendix 1 for additional information on the session format and conduct.¹

Scoping comments will be recorded by the court reporter and become part of the public record for this proceeding.

¹ The appendix referenced in this notice will not appear in the **Federal Register**. Copies of the appendix were sent to all those receiving this notice in the mail and are available at <http://www.ferc.gov> using the "eLibrary" link. For assistance, please contact FERC Online Support at FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov or call (866) 208-3676 (toll free), or (202) 502-8659 (TTY).

Transcripts will be publicly available on FERC's eLibrary system. If a significant number of people are interested in providing oral comments in the one-on-one settings, a time limit may be implemented for each commentor.

It is important to note that the Commission provides equal consideration to all comments received, whether filed in writing or provided orally at a scoping meeting. Although there will not be a formal presentation, Commission staff will be available throughout the scoping session to answer your questions about the environmental review process. Representatives from Current Hydro will also be present to answer project-specific questions.

Dated: March 31, 2025.

Debbie-Anne A. Reese,
Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Project No. 14787-004]

Black Canyon Hydro, LLC; Notice of Intent To Prepare an Environmental Impact Statement for the Seminole Pumped Storage Project, Schedule for Environmental Review, and Request for Comments

The staff of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC or Commission) will prepare an environmental impact statement (EIS) that will discuss the environmental impacts of constructing and operating the proposed Seminole Pumped Storage Project (Seminole Project; FERC No. 14787), located at the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation's (Reclamation) Seminole Reservoir on the North Platte River in Carbon County, Wyoming, approximately 35 miles northeast of Rawlins, Wyoming.¹ The Commission will use this EIS in its decision-making process in accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA). The schedule for preparing the EIS is discussed in the Schedule for Environmental Review section of this notice.

As part of the NEPA review process, the Commission takes into account concerns the public may have about

¹ For tracking purposes under the National Environmental Policy Act, the unique identification number for documents relating to this environmental review is EISX-019-20-000-1742297464.

proposals and the environmental impacts that could result whenever it considers the issuance of a license. This gathering of public input is referred to as "scoping." On September 6, 2024, Commission staff issued Scoping Document 1, initiating the scoping process for the project. Commission staff conducted an environmental site visit open to the public on September 25, 2024, and held three public scoping meetings. Two scoping meetings were held in Casper, Wyoming, on September 24, 2024, and another scoping meeting was held in Rawlins, Wyoming, on September 25, 2024. A court reporter recorded oral comments made during the scoping meetings. On January 13, 2024, Commission staff issued a revised scoping document (Scoping Document 2) based on the comments received during the scoping comment period, which ended November 5, 2024. Scoping Document 2 describes the project, project alternatives, and the current view of anticipated environmental effects that will be addressed in the EIS.

In accordance with the Commission's regulations, on January 13, 2025, Commission staff issued a notice that the project was ready for environmental analysis and soliciting comments, recommendations, terms and conditions, and prescriptions (REA Notice). The comment period for the REA Notice closed on March 14, 2025. Based on the information in the record, including comments filed during scoping and in response to the REA Notice, staff has determined that licensing the project may constitute a major Federal action significantly affecting the quality of the human environment. Therefore, staff will prepare an EIS for the proposed Seminole Project. Commission staff intends to prepare an EIS that will address the concerns raised during prior comment periods and comments received in response to this notice.

By this notice, the Commission requests any additional comments on the scope of issues to address in the EIS, including comments on potential alternatives and impacts, and any relevant information, studies, or analyses of any kind concerning impacts affecting the quality of the human environment. If you previously submitted comments and recommendations to the Commission, you do not need to file those comments and recommendations again. To ensure that your comments are timely and properly recorded, please submit your comments so that the Commission receives them in Washington, DC on or

before 5:00 p.m. Eastern Time on April 28, 2025.²

Public Participation

There are three methods you can use to submit your comments to the Commission. The Commission encourages electronic filing of comments and has staff available to assist you at (866) 208-3676 or FercOnlineSupport@ferc.gov. Please carefully follow these instructions so that your comments are properly recorded.

(1) You can file your comments electronically using the eComment feature, which is located on the Commission's website (www.ferc.gov) under the link to FERC Online. Using eComment is an easy method for submitting brief, text-only comments on a project;

(2) You can file your comments electronically by using the eFiling feature, which is located on the Commission's website (www.ferc.gov) under the link to FERC Online. With eFiling, you can provide comments in a variety of formats by attaching them as a file with your submission. New eFiling users must first create an account by clicking on "eRegister." You will be asked to select the type of filing you are making; a comment on a particular project is considered a "Comment on a Filing"; or

(3) You can file a paper copy of your comments by mailing them to the Commission. Be sure to reference the project docket number (P-14787-004) on your letter. 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.

Additionally, the Commission offers a free service called eSubscription. This service provides automatic notification of filings made to subscribed dockets, document summaries, and direct links to the documents. Go to <https://www.ferc.gov/ferc-online/overview> to register for eSubscription.

² The Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure provide that, if a filing deadline falls on a Saturday, Sunday, holiday, or other day when the Commission is not open for business, the filing deadline does not end until the close of business on the next business day. 18 CFR 385.2007(a)(2) (2024). The filing deadline is 30 days from issuance of the notice (*i.e.*, April 27, 2025), which falls on a Sunday, thus the filing deadline is the close of business Monday, April 28, 2025.