

Newberry and Fairfield counties, South Carolina, and occupies federal lands.

The final EA contains Commission staff's analysis of the potential environmental effects of the proposed temporary variance of seasonal venting requirements, alternatives to the proposed action, and concludes that the proposed variance, with appropriate environmental protective measures, would not constitute a major federal action that would significantly affect the quality of the human environment. The final EA may be viewed on the Commission's website at <http://www.ferc.gov> using the "elibrary" link. Enter the docket number (P-1894-233) in the docket number field to access the document. For assistance, contact FERC Online Support at [FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov](mailto:FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov) or toll-free at 1-866-208-3676, or for TTY, (202) 502-8659.

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For further information, contact Ms. Joy Kurtz at 202-502-6760 or [joy.kurtz@ferc.gov](mailto:joy.kurtz@ferc.gov).

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

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**DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY**

**Federal Energy Regulatory Commission**

[Project No. 7274-035]

**Town of Wells; Notice of Intent To Prepare an Environmental Assessment**

On July 31, 2023, the Town of Wells filed a relicense application for the 698-kilowatt Lake Algonquin Hydroelectric Project No. 7274 (Lake Algonquin Project or project). The project is located

on the Sacandaga River in the Town of Wells, Hamilton County, New York.

In accordance with the Commission's regulations, on June 25, 2025, Commission staff issued a notice that the Lake Algonquin 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 Lake Algonquin Project would constitute a major federal action significantly affecting the quality of the human environment. Therefore, staff intend to prepare an Environmental Assessment (EA) on the application to relicense the Lake Algonquin Project.<sup>1</sup>

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. The EA will be issued for a 30-day comment period. Revisions to the schedule may be made as appropriate.

Milestone	Target date
Commission issues EA ....	September 8, 2026.

Any questions regarding this notice may be directed to Samantha Pollak at (202) 502-6419 or via email at [samantha.pollak@ferc.gov](mailto:samantha.pollak@ferc.gov).

Dated: September 8, 2025.

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

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<sup>1</sup>For tracking purposes under the National Environmental Policy Act, the unique identification number for documents relating to this environmental review is EAXX-019-20-000-1755775659.

**DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY**

**Federal Energy Regulatory Commission**

[Project No. 2547-095]

**Village of Swanton, Vermont; Notice of Application Accepted for Filing, Soliciting Motions To Intervene and Protests, Ready for Environmental Analysis, and Soliciting Comments, Recommendations, Terms and Conditions, and Prescriptions**

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

a. *Type of Application:* New License.  
b. *Project No.:* 2547-095.

c. *Date Filed:* April 29, 2022.

d. *Applicant:* Village of Swanton, Vermont (Village).

e. *Name of Project:* Highgate Falls Hydroelectric Project.

f. *Location:* On the Missisquoi River in Franklin County, Vermont.

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

h. *Applicant Contact:* Paul V. Nolan, Energy Consultant, 5515 17th Street North, Arlington, VA 22205; telephone at (703) 534-5509; email at [pvnpvndiver@gmail.com](mailto:pvnpvndiver@gmail.com).

i. *FERC Contact:* Arash Barsari, Project Coordinator, Great Lakes Branch, Division of Hydropower Licensing; telephone at (202) 502-6207; email at [Arash.JalaliBarsari@ferc.gov](mailto:Arash.JalaliBarsari@ferc.gov).

j. *Deadline for filing motions to intervene, protests, comments, recommendations, terms, conditions, and prescriptions:* November 7, 2025 by 5:00 p.m. Eastern Time. *Deadline for filing reply comments:* December 22, 2025 by 5:00 p.m. Eastern Time.

The Commission strongly encourages electronic filing. Please file motions to intervene, protests, comments, recommendations, terms, conditions, and prescriptions 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](mailto: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: Highgate Falls Hydroelectric Project (P-2547-095).

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 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 and is now ready for environmental analysis.

l. *Project Description:* The project consists of a 496-foot-long, 45-foot-high dam that includes a 42-foot-long intake structure with trashracks with 1.62-inch clear bar spacing and a 226-foot-long ogee spillway with a 15-foot-high inflatable rubber crest gate with a maximum crest elevation of 190.0-foot National Geodetic Vertical Datum of 1929 (NGVD 29).

The dam creates an impoundment that has a surface area of 262 acres at a normal maximum surface elevation of 190.0 feet NGVD 29. From the impoundment, water flows through the intake structure to a conduit that connects to a penstock. The penstock conveys water to a primary powerhouse that contains two 1.0-megawatt (MW), one 2.8-MW, and one 6.0-MW vertical Francis turbine-generator units, for a total installed capacity of 10.8 MW. Water is discharged from the primary powerhouse directly to the Missisquoi River. The project creates an approximately 1,100-foot-long bypassed reach of the Missisquoi River.

From the impoundment, water also flows through the intake structure to a penstock that conveys water to a secondary powerhouse that contains a 0.572-MW crossflow turbine-generator unit. Water is discharged from the secondary powerhouse to a receiving pool that discharges to the Missisquoi River immediately downstream of the dam.

The project generators are connected to the regional electric grid by generator lead lines and a 12.47/48-kV step-up transformer. There are no project recreation facilities.

Based on the Commission staff's review of the Exhibit G maps and georeferenced shapefiles, the Village proposes to modify the project boundary

as follows: (1) revise the project boundary around the impoundment to follow a contour elevation of 190.0 feet NGVD 29, which would result in the removal of approximately 111 acres from the current project boundary; (2) remove approximately 2.2 acres of land adjacent to the south bank of the bypassed reach; and (3) remove approximately 1.8 acres of land adjacent to the north bank of the bypassed reach.

The Village proposes to: (1) operate the project in run-of-river mode with a 3-inch impoundment fluctuation between March 31 and June 15, and during periods when inflow is 400 cfs or less, instead of between March 31 and June 1 under current operation; (2) operate the project in a peaking mode from June 16 through March 30, with a maximum impoundment drawdown of 24 inches, instead of 30 inches under current operation; (3) refill the impoundment within 8 hours of each drawdown for peaking operation; (4) continue to provide a minimum flow of 200 cfs or inflow, whichever is less, downstream of the primary powerhouse, including the following minimum flows to the bypassed reach: 150 cfs from April 1 through May 31, 70 cfs from June 1 through June 30, and 35 cfs from July 1 through March 31; (5) develop a freshwater mussel plan for (a) relocating mussels during impoundment drawdowns and (b) conducting mussel surveys for state-list species in the project area every 5 years; (6) develop a plan for protecting horn-leaved riverweed downstream of the Swanton Dam ledges, which are located approximately 7 miles downstream of the powerhouse; (7) provide aesthetic flows of 1 to 3 inches of spill over the dam during certain holidays; (8) improve an existing parking area to accommodate 5 to 7 cars for recreation users; (9) develop a plan to improve access for hand-carry water craft to the impoundment and downstream of the project; (10) develop a historic properties management plan to protect historic properties; (11) conduct a post-licensing evaluation of the feasibility of using the existing downstream Swanton Dam canal works for upstream fish passage; (12) develop a recreational maintenance and enhancement plan; (13) install a warning system to alert recreation users to increases in flow in the bypassed reach and downstream of the powerhouse; and (14) install an electric vehicle charging station for 5 vehicles.

m. A copy of the application can be viewed on the Commission's website at <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 (P-2547). For assistance, contact FERC Online Support.

You may also register online at <https://ferconline.ferc.gov/FERCOnline.aspx> to be notified via email of new filings and issuances related to this or other pending projects. For assistance, please contact FERC Online Support.

n. 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.

All filings must (1) bear in all capital letters the title "PROTEST," "MOTION TO INTERVENE," "COMMENTS," "REPLY COMMENTS," "RECOMMENDATIONS," "TERMS AND CONDITIONS," or "PRESCRIPTIONS;" (2) set forth in the heading the name of the applicant and the project number of the application to which the filing responds; (3) furnish the name, address, and telephone number of the person protesting or intervening; and (4) otherwise comply with the requirements of 18 CFR 385.2001 through 385.2005. All comments, recommendations, terms and conditions or prescriptions must set forth their evidentiary basis and otherwise comply with the requirements of 18 CFR 4.34(b). Agencies may obtain copies of the application directly from the applicant. A copy of any protest or motion to intervene must be served upon each representative of the applicant specified in the particular application. A copy of all other filings in reference to this application must be accompanied by proof of service on all persons listed on the service list prepared by the Commission in this proceeding, in accordance with 18 CFR 4.34(b) and 385.2010.

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public is encouraged to contact OPP at (202) 502-6595 or [OPP@ferc.gov](mailto:OPP@ferc.gov).  
 o. *The applicant must file on or before 5:00 p.m. Eastern Time on November 7, 2025:* (1) a copy of the water quality

certification; (2) a copy of the request for certification, including proof of the date on which the certifying agency received the request; or (3) evidence of waiver of water quality certification.

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

Milestone	Target date
Filing of Motions to Intervene, Protests, Comments, Recommendations, Terms, Conditions, and Prescriptions .....	November 2025.
Filing of Reply Comments .....	December 2025.

q. Final amendments to the application must be filed with the Commission on or before 5:00 p.m. Eastern Time on October 8, 2025.

Dated: September 8, 2025.  
**Debbie-Anne A. Reese,**  
*Secretary.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY**

**Federal Energy Regulatory Commission**

[Project No. 2514-217]

**Appalachian Power Company; Notice of Application Accepted for Filing and Soliciting Comments, 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:* Temporary amendment of license to perform Buck Reservoir drawdown.
- b. *Project No.:* 2514-217.
- c. *Date Filed:* August 14, 2025.
- d. *Applicant:* Appalachian Power Company.
- e. *Name of Project:* Byllesby and Buck Hydroelectric Project.
- f. *Location:* The project is located on the New River in Carroll County, VA.
- g. *Filed Pursuant to:* Federal Power Act, 16 U.S.C. 791(a)-825(r).
- h. *Applicant Contact:* Mr. Edward S. Brennan, Plant Environmental Coordinator Principal, Appalachian Power Company, P.O. Box 2021, Roanoke, VA 24022 (540) 985-2984.
- i. *FERC Contact:* Mr. Steven Sachs, (202) 502-8666, [Steven.Sachs@ferc.gov](mailto:Steven.Sachs@ferc.gov).
- j. *Deadline for filing comments, motions to intervene, and protests:* October 8, 2025 at 5:00 p.m. Eastern Time.

The Commission strongly encourages electronic filing. Please file comments, motions to intervene, and protests using the Commission's eFiling system at <http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/efiling.asp>. Commenters can submit brief comments up to 6,000 characters,

without prior registration, using the eComment system at <http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/ecomment.asp>. For assistance, please contact FERC Online Support at [FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov](mailto: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. The first page of any filing should include the docket number P-2514-217. Comments emailed to Commission staff are not part of the Commission record.

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 whose name appears 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. *Description of Request:* The applicant requests a temporary amendment of license to draw down the Buck reservoir to 1,995 feet National Geodetic Vertical Datum, or approximately 7 feet below the normal minimum elevation. The drawdown would proceed at a rate of 4 feet per day, and the reservoir is expected to be below the normal operating range for a period of approximately 8 weeks. The application also intends to salvage and relocate mussels following the initial drawdown and to close the Buck canoe portage for the duration of the temporary amendment. The applicant is conducting the drawdown to install an anchor for a new log boom.

l. *Locations of the Application:* This filing may be viewed on the Commission's website at <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. You may also register online at <http://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, call 1-866-208-3676 or email [FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov](mailto:FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov), for TTY, call (202) 502-8659.

m. Individuals desiring to be included on the Commission's mailing list should so indicate by writing to the Secretary of the Commission.

n. *Comments, Protests, or Motions to Intervene:* 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, .214, respectively. 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.

o. *Filing and Service of Documents:* Any filing must: (1) bear in all capital letters the title "COMMENTS", "PROTEST", or "MOTION TO INTERVENE" as applicable; (2) set forth in the heading the name of the applicant and the project number of the application to which the filing responds; (3) furnish the name, address, and telephone number of the person commenting, protesting or intervening; and (4) otherwise comply with the requirements of 18 CFR 385.2001 through 385.2005. All comments, motions to intervene, or protests must set forth their evidentiary basis. Any filing made by an intervenor must be accompanied by proof of service on all persons listed in the service list prepared by the Commission in this proceeding, in accordance with 18 CFR 385.2010.

p. The Commission's Office of Public Participation (OPP) supports meaningful