received from the last survey collection. This lessens the burden on respondents by avoiding unnecessary need for clarifications.

• Section B.2: Reactor License Data. Section B.2 is being discontinued because the license status and other data is publicly available on the Nuclear Regulatory Commission's website. Section B.2 now indicates ''Discontinued'' to preserve the subsection numbering in Section B.

• Section C.1.1: Data on Discharged Fuel Assemblies and Non-Fuel Components Integral to the Assembly—Addition of an optional data field for Assembly-Average Initial Enrichment. The form currently includes a data field only for Maximum Planar-Average Initial Enrichment. Assembly-Average Initial Enrichment is critical for evaluating decay heat and dose rates, while Maximum Planar-Average Initial Enrichment accounts for axial and radial variations in enrichment, essential for criticality safety assessments. Having data for both enrichment values allows DOE to apply the appropriately conservative parameter to each discipline—maximum planar-average for criticality, assembly-average for shielding and thermal—thus reducing unnecessary conservativism and uncertainty while maintaining safety margins which enables DOE to have the information necessary for effective planning of future spent nuclear fuel transport and storage while maintaining compliance with thermal, radiological, and criticality safety requirements.

• Reinstating section C.2: Projected Assembly Discharges. DOE paused collection of projected assembly discharge data in section C.2 starting with the survey covering the July 1, 2013–December 31, 2017 period. However, reinstating this section is now necessary to provide insight on planned changes in reactor operations, particularly power uprates and the introduction of high-assay low-enriched uranium fuel. These developments will directly impact spent fuel characteristics, including enrichment levels and burnup rates. By collecting data on projected assembly discharges, DOE can ensure that it has the necessary information to manage and plan spent fuel storage, disposal strategies, and infrastructure investments in light of these anticipated changes. Section C.2 includes improvements for clarity of data requested.

• Non-Fuel Components (NFC). The 3 NFC columns in Table C.1.1 will be removed (NFC, NFC Identifier, and Estimated Total Weight) and added to the D.3.3 (Assemblies in Dry Storage) table. The NFC stored in the pool is already captured in Section E: Non-Fuel Data and the text was modified in E.2: Non-Fuel Components—Integral to an Assembly. This change was made to simplify the reporting of non-fuel components in the spent fuel pool. For these components, DOE does not require tracking of their current location in the spent fuel pool, only the tentative amount of hardware delivered to DOE. This reduces the burden on respondents by not requiring them to track and report the location of hardware components in the pool.

• D.3.3: Assemblies in Dry Storage. An additional column for Damaged Fuel Canister (DFC) will be added to the D.3.3 table. This eases the burden on respondents because this change improves clarity by avoiding confusion between a single assembly canister in section C.3.1 and a DFC reported in D.3.3. Additionally, it enhances clarity during canister unloading, ensuring it is clear which assemblies are damaged and whether additional hardware is present in the cask. This information is also used to verify compliance with the Certificate of Compliance when accepting the cask for transportation.

• Appendix C: Reactor and Spent Fuel Storage Site Identification Codes. Appendix C has been updated to remove numeric ID numbers for reactors or storage locations. These have been replaced with easily recognizable names, consistent with the choices in the web-application. Pools that no longer exist or that are no longer planned for storage have been removed from the list. Appendix C has been renamed to Reactor or Facility and Spent Fuel Storage Site. The form has been revised to remove references to numeric IDs, so the form now contains only user friendly, easily recognizable names.

• Appendix E: Fuel Assembly Type Codes. Appendix E has been modified to include codes submitted on the 2023 data collection that were not already on the list and to remove codes that are not in use, for the convenience of the respondents.

(5) *Annual Estimated Number of Respondents:* 126;

(6) *Annual Estimated Number of Total Responses:* 42;

(7) *Annual Estimated Number of Burden Hours:* 3,707;

(8) *Annual Estimated Reporting and Recordkeeping Cost Burden:* The information is maintained in the normal course of business. The cost of the burden hours is estimated to be $352,128 (3,707 burden hours times $94.99 per hour). DOE estimates that respondents will have no additional costs associated with the surveys other than the burden hours and the maintenance of the information during the normal course of business.

Comments are invited on whether or not: (a) The proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of agency functions, including whether the information will have a practical utility; (b) DOE's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used, is accurate; (c) DOE can improve the quality, utility, and clarity of the information it will collect; and (d) DOE can minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, such as automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

Statutory Authority: Section 13(b) of the Federal Energy Administration Act of 1974, Public Law 93–275, codified as 15 U.S. C. 772(b) and the DOE Organization Act of 1977, Public Law 95–91, codified at 42 U.S.C. 7101 *et seq.,* The Nuclear Waste Policy Act of 1982 codified at 42 U.S.C. 10222 *et seq.*

Signed in Washington, DC, on February 17, 2026.

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Acting Director, Office of Statistical Methods and Research, U.S. Energy Information Administration.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

Notice of Staff Attendance at North American Electric Reliability Corporation Emerging Large Loads Technical Conference

The Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (Commission) hereby gives notice that members of the Commission and/or Commission staff may attend the following conference meeting:

North American Electric Reliability Corporation Emerging Large Loads Technical Conference

February 24–25, 2026 | 8:00 a.m.–5:00 p.m. Eastern

Further information regarding this meeting and how to join remotely may be found at: *https://www.nerc.com/events/02-24-26-emerging-large-loads-technical-conference.*

The discussions at the meeting, which are open to the public, may address matters at issue in the following Commission proceedings:

Docket No. EC25–43 Constellation Energy Corporation, Constellation Energy Generation, LLC, Calpine Corporation
Docket No. EC25–148 Hill Top Energy Center, LLC, Hill Top Energy LLC
Docket No. EL24–149 Baltimore Gas & Electric Company and PECO Energy Company
Docket Nos. EL25–49 PJM Interconnection, L.L.C., et al.
AD24–11 Large Loads Co-Located at Generating Facilities
EL25–20 *Constellation Energy Generation, LLC* v. *PJM Interconnection, L.L.C.*
Docket No. EL26–30 *Independent Market Monitor for PJM* v. *PJM Interconnection, L.L.C.*
Docket No. ER26–247 Southwest Power Pool, Inc.
Docket No. ER26–838 Commonwealth Edison Company
Docket No. ER26–839 Commonwealth Edison Company
Docket No. ER26–841 Commonwealth Edison Company
Docket No. ER26–853 Commonwealth Edison Company
Docket No. ER26–989 Commonwealth Edison Company
Docket No. ER26–990 Commonwealth Edison Company
Docket No. ER26–1031 Commonwealth Edison Company
Docket No. ER26–1032 Commonwealth Edison Company

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(Authority: 18 CFR 2.1.)

Dated: February 13, 2026.

Carlos D. Clay,

Deputy Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Project No. 7887–019]

Ashuelot River Hydro, Inc.; Notice of Application 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:* Subsequent Minor License.

b. *Project No.:* 7887–019.

c. *Date filed:* June 28, 2024.

d. *Applicant:* Ashuelot River Hydro, Inc.

e. *Name of Project:* Minnewawa Hydroelectric Project.

f. *Location:* On Minnewawa Brook, in the Town of Marlborough, Cheshire County, New Hampshire.

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

h. *Applicant Contact:* Justin Ahmann, Owner, Ashuelot River Hydro, Inc., 75 Somers Road, P.O. Box 474, Somers, Montana 59932; Phone at (406) 393–2127 or email *Justin@apec-mt.com;* or Daniel Parker, Consultant, 45north Renewable Energy, LLC, 330 May Road, Potsdam, New York 13676; Phone at (315) 261–2158 or email *45northRenewables@mail.com.*

i. *FERC Contact:* Justin R. Robbins at (202) 502–8308, or *justin.robbins@ferc.gov.*

j. *Deadline for filing comments, recommendations, terms and conditions, and prescriptions:* on or before 5:00 p.m. Eastern Time on April 14, 2026; reply comments are due on or before 5:00 p.m. Eastern Time on May 29, 2026.

The Commission strongly encourages electronic filing. Please file comments, recommendations, terms and conditions, and prescriptions using the Commission's eFiling system at *https://ferconline.ferc.gov/FERCOnline.aspx.* Commenters can submit brief comments up to 10,000 characters, without prior registration, using the eComment system at *https://ferconline.ferc.gov/QuickComment.aspx.* You must include your name and contact information at the end of your comments. 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: Minnewawa Hydroelectric Project (P–7887–019).

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 ready for environmental analysis at this time.

l. *Project Description:* the existing project includes a 245-foot-long, 63-foot-high reinforced mass concrete dam and spillway fitted with flashboards and an intake structure. The crest elevation is 1070.2 feet National Geodetic Vertical Datum 1929 (NGVD 29) above the flashboards. The dam creates a 10-acre impoundment with a storage capacity of 155 acre-feet. From the impoundment, water flows into the intake structure and through a 5,717-foot-long partially buried steel penstock into a powerhouse containing a single 1,000-kilowatt (kW) Francis turbine-generator unit. Water is then discharged back into Minnewawa Brook through a 790-foot-long tailrace. The project creates an approximately 2,900-foot bypassed reach of Minnewawa Brook, which extends from Minnewawa dam to the confluence of the tailrace with Minnewawa Brook. A 100-foot-long transmission line transmits power from the powerhouse to the grid. There are no project recreation facilities.

Ashuelot Hydro proposes to: (1) continue operating the project in a run-of-river mode, such that flow in Minnewawa Brook, as measured immediately downstream from the project tailrace, approximates the instantaneous sum of the inflow to the project impoundment, and releasing a minimum flow of 4 cubic feet per second into the bypassed reach, as measured immediately downstream from the Minnewawa dam, or inflow to the impoundment, whichever is less; (2) install a new 75-kW fixed geometry turbine-generator unit in the existing powerhouse; and (3) install a tap and isolation valve to the existing penstock.

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 (P–7887). For assistance, contact FERC at *FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov* or call toll free, (886) 208–3676 or (202) 502–8659 (TTY).

All filings must (1) bear in all capital letters the title ''COMMENTS,'' ''REPLY COMMENTS,'' ''RECOMMENDATIONS,'' ''TERMS AND CONDITIONS,'' or ''PRESCRIPTIONS''; (2) set forth in the heading the name of the applicant and