

l. *Project Description:* The Ashton Hydroelectric Project consists of: (1) a 56-foot-high, 222-foot-long earth and rock-filled dam covered with roller-compacted concrete on the downstream slope and a crest elevation of 5,156.6 feet; (2) an 82-foot-long reinforced concrete spillway with six, 10-foot-high by 12-foot-wide radial gates; (3) a 280-foot-long, 15-foot-high diversion tunnel located through the right abutment; (4) an intake consisting of a reinforced concrete control structure, two 7.5-foot-wide by 15-foot-high stainless steel slide gates with an invert at an elevation of 5,110.0 feet; (5) a 392.9-acre reservoir with a gross storage capacity of 6,119 acre feet at a normal maximum water surface elevation of 5,155.9 feet;¹ (6) a reinforced concrete powerhouse that contains, two turbine-generator units, each rated at 2.0 megawatts (MW), and one turbine-generator unit rated at 2.7 MW with a total installed capacity of 6.7 MW; (7) an 80-foot-wide, 80-foot-long, and 20-foot-deep tailrace; (8) a 46/2.3-kilovolt (kV) step-up transformer; (9) a 133-foot-long, 46-kV transmission line; and (10) appurtenant facilities.

The project also includes the following recreation facilities: (1) the Ashton Boat Launch that includes a motorized boat launch ramp with floating courtesy dock, a non-motorized boater take-out ramp with floating courtesy dock, vault toilet with two stalls, picnic tables, and parking; and (2) the Tailwater Access site that provides direct, walk-in access to the project's tailwater area for shoreline fishing and picnicking.

PacifiCorp proposes to rehabilitate one generator unit (either generator Unit 2 or 3) to improve its efficiency and increase its nameplate capacity. Under PacifiCorp's proposed upgrades, the project would have a maximum capacity of 7.58 MW.

PacifiCorp proposes to: (1) continue operating the project in a run-of-river mode, with outflow from the project approximating inflow; (2) develop and implement an operations and compliance plan; (3) work with Idaho Department of Fish and Game to continue annual trout stocking; (4) update and implement the Wildlife Enhancement Plan; (5) develop and implement a cultural resources management plan; and (6) continue to implement its Recreation Facilities and Site Management Plan.

m. Due to the project works already built, the limited scope of proposed rehabilitation of a project turbine as

described above, the applicant's close coordination with federal and state agencies during the preparation of the application, and completed studies during pre-filing consultation, we intend to waive scoping and expedite the exemption process. Commission staff determined that the issues that need to be addressed in the environmental document have been adequately identified during the pre-filing period, which included a public meeting and site visit, and no new issues are likely to be identified through additional scoping. Staff's environmental document will evaluate the effects of project operation and maintenance on geology and soils, aquatic, terrestrial, threatened and endangered species, recreation, land use, aesthetic, cultural, and developmental resources.

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

o. 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, 385.211, and 385.214. 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 deadline date for the particular application.

p. All filings must (1) bear in all capital letters the title "PROTEST," "MOTION TO INTERVENE," "COMMENTS," "REPLY COMMENTS," "RECOMMENDATIONS," or "TERMS AND CONDITIONS;" (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 of the person submitting the filing; and (4) otherwise comply with the requirements of 18 CFR 385.2001 through 385.2005. All comments, recommendations, terms and conditions 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.

q. For public inquiries and assistance with making filings such as interventions, comments, or requests for rehearing, contact the Office of Public Participation at (202)502-6595 or OPP@ferc.gov.

r. Final amendments to the application must be filed with the Commission on or before 5:00 Eastern Time on July 15, 2026.

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Debbie-Anne A. Reese,
Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Project No. 9028-012]

Banister Hydro, Inc.; Notice of Intent To Prepare an Environmental Assessment

On July 26, 2024, Banister Hydro, Inc. (Banister Hydro) filed a relicense application for the 1.785-megawatt Halifax Hydroelectric Project No. 9028 (project). The project is located on the Banister River near the town of Halifax in Halifax County, Virginia.

In accordance with the Commission's regulations, on March 5, 2026, 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 on 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 an environmental assessment (EA) on the application to relicense the project.¹

¹ For tracking purposes under the National Environmental Policy Act, the unique identification number for documents relating to this environmental review is EAXX-019-20-000-1778658262.

¹ All elevations are in PacifiCorp's local datum, unless otherwise stated. To convert to the North American Vertical Datum of 1988, add 2.972 feet.

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.

For public inquiries and assistance with making filings such as interventions, comments, or requests for rehearing, contact the Office of Public Participation at (202) 502-6595 or *OPP@ferc.gov*.

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	March 18, 2027.

Any questions regarding this notice may be directed to Laurie Bauer by telephone at (202) 502-6519 or by email at *Laurie.Bauer@ferc.gov*.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Project No. 9784-004]

Wiscons8, LLC; Notice of Intent To Prepare an Environmental Assessment

On April 16, 2026, Wiscons8, LLC (exemptee) filed an application for surrender of exemption from licensing for the Manawa Dam Hydroelectric Project No. 9784. The project is located on the Little Wolf River in Waupaca County, Wisconsin. The project does not occupy federal lands.

The exemptee proposes to surrender its exemption from licensing because the Manawa Dam is no longer impounding water due to flood damage that occurred in the summer of 2024. The Manawa Dam is owned by the City of Manawa, Wisconsin, which terminated its lease with the exemptee in November 2025. The exemptee proposes to decommission the project by removing all equipment associated with hydropower generation. On April 21, 2026, the City of Manawa filed comments expressing support for the proposed surrender.

A Notice of Application for Surrender of Exemption Accepted for Filing and Soliciting Comments, Motions to

Intervene, and Protests was issued on May 1, 2026. No comments were filed pursuant to the notice.

This notice identifies Commission staff's intention to prepare an environmental assessment (EA) under the National Environmental Policy Act (42 U.S.C. 4321 *et seq.*) for the project.¹ Commission staff plans to issue an EA by August 28, 2026. Revisions to the schedule may be made as appropriate. The EA will be issued for a 30-day comment period. All comments filed on the EA will be reviewed by staff and considered in the Commission's final decision on the proceeding.

For public inquiries and assistance with making filings such as interventions, comments, or requests for rehearing, contact the Office of Public Participation at (202) 502-6595 or *OPP@ferc.gov*.

Any questions regarding this notice may be directed to Elizabeth Moats at 202-502-6632 or *Elizabeth.OsierMoats@ferc.gov*.

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Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. CP26-148-000]

Texas Eastern Transmission, LP; Notice of Schedule for the Preparation of An Environmental Assessment for the Longwall Mining Panel M2 and M3 Project

On March 23, 2026, Texas Eastern Transmission, LP (Texas Eastern) filed an application in Docket No. CP26-148-000 requesting a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity pursuant to Section 7(c) of the Natural Gas Act to excavate, elevate, replace, reroute, construct, and operate certain natural gas pipeline facilities. The proposed project is known as the Longwall Mining Panel M2 and M3 Project (Project) and would allow for the safe and efficient operation of Texas Eastern's natural gas transportation system in Greene County, Pennsylvania during sub-surface longwall mining activities.

On May 12, 2026, the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (Commission or

FERC) issued its Notice of Application for the Project. Among other things, that notice alerted agencies issuing federal authorizations of the requirement to complete all necessary reviews and to reach a final decision on a request for a federal authorization within 90 days of the date of issuance of the Commission staff's environmental document for the Project.

This notice identifies Commission staff's intention to prepare an environmental assessment (EA) for the Project and the planned schedule for the completion of the environmental review.¹

Schedule for Environmental Review

Issuance of EA: November 13, 2026.
*90-day Federal Authorization Decision Deadline:*² February 11, 2027.

If a schedule change becomes necessary, additional notice will be provided so that the relevant agencies are kept informed of the Project's progress.

Project Description

Texas Gas proposes to excavate, elevate, replace, and reroute segments of four existing pipelines ranging in length between approximately 5,000 feet and 6,100 feet near Graysville, Pennsylvania. Texas Eastern would also abandon by removal an approximately 5,000-foot segment of non-operational pipeline. Lastly, Texas Eastern proposes to modify existing minor aboveground facilities elsewhere in Greene County. Upon completion of the mining activities, Texas Eastern would return three of the four pipelines to their original locations and easements. The fourth pipeline would be rerouted into the abandoned easement. Texas Eastern anticipates these activities would occur between 2027 and 2029.

Background

On May 12, 2026, the Commission issued a *Notice of Scoping Period Requesting Comments on Environmental Issues for the Proposed Carnation Project* (Notice of Scoping). The Notice of Scoping was sent to affected landowners; federal, state, and local government agencies; elected

¹ For tracking purposes under the National Environmental Policy Act, the unique identification number for documents relating to this environmental review is EAXX-019-20-000-1779098084.

² The Commission's deadline applies to the decisions of other federal agencies, and state agencies acting under federally delegated authority, that are responsible for federal authorizations, permits, and other approvals necessary for proposed projects under the Natural Gas Act. Per 18 CFR 157.22(a), the Commission's deadline for other agency's decisions applies unless a schedule is otherwise established by federal law.

¹ The unique identification number for documents relating to this environmental review is EAXX-019-20-000-1779267766.