

or other disposition under the FPA, whichever comes first.

If issuance of a new license (or other disposition) does not take place on or before June 30, 2027, notice is hereby given that, pursuant to 18 CFR 16.18(c), an annual license under section 15(a)(1) of the FPA is renewed automatically without further order or notice by the Commission, unless the Commission orders otherwise.

If the project is not subject to section 15 of the FPA, notice is hereby given that Ashuelot River Hydro, Inc. is authorized to continue operation of the Minnewawa Hydroelectric Project under the terms and conditions of the prior license until the issuance of a subsequent license for the project or other disposition under the FPA, whichever comes first.

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.

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Carlos D. Clay,

Deputy Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Project No. 15326-001]

Kram Hydro 1, LLC; Notice of Intent To File License Application, Filing of Pre-Application Document, Approving Use of the Traditional Licensing Process

a. *Type of Filing:* Notice of Intent to File License Application and Request to Use the Traditional Licensing Process.

b. *Project No.:* 15326-001.

c. *Date Filed:* April 21, 2026.

d. *Submitted By:* Kram Hydro 1, LLC (Kram Hydro 1).¹

e. *Name of Project:* Joe Hardin Lock and Dam Hydroelectric Project (Hardin Project).

f. *Location:* The project would be located at the existing U.S. Army Corps of Engineers' (Corps) Joe Hardin Lock and Dam on the Arkansas River in Jefferson and Lincoln Counties, Arkansas. The project would partially occupy federal land administered by the Corps.

g. *Filed Pursuant to:* 18 CFR 5.3 of the Commission's regulations.

h. *Potential Applicant Contact:* Jeremy King, Current Hydro LLC, 409 Broad Street, Suite 250, Sewickley, PA 15143; (706) 835-8516; or email: jeremy@currenthydro.com.

i. *FERC Contact:* Sarah Salazar at (202) 502-6863 or sarah.salazar@ferc.gov.

j. Kram Hydro 1 filed its request to use the Traditional Licensing Process on April 21, 2026, and provided public notice of its request on April 19, 2026. In a letter dated July 22, 2026, the Director of the Division of Hydropower Licensing approved Kram Hydro 1's request to use the Traditional Licensing Process.

k. With this notice, we are initiating informal consultation with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and/or the National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) under section 7 of the Endangered Species Act and the joint agency regulations thereunder at 50 CFR., Part 402; and NMFS under section 305(b) of the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act and implementing regulations at 50 CFR 600.920. We are also initiating consultation with the Arkansas State Historic Preservation Officer, as required by section 106, National Historic Preservation Act, and the implementing regulations of the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation at 36 CFR 800.2.

l. With this notice, we are designating Kram Hydro 1 as the Commission's non-federal representative for carrying out informal consultation, pursuant to section 7 of the Endangered Species Act and section 305(b) of the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act; and consultation pursuant to section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act.

m. Kram Hydro 1 filed a Pre-Application Document (PAD, including a proposed process plan and schedule) with the Commission, pursuant to 18 CFR 5.6 of the Commission's regulations.

n. A copy of the PAD may be viewed on the Commission's website (<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 Online Support at FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov, (866) 208-3676 (toll free), or (202) 502-8659 (TTY).

o. You may register online at <https://www.ferc.gov/ferc-online/overview> to be notified via email of new filing and issuances related to this or other

pending projects. For assistance, contact FERC Online Support.

p. 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.

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Deputy Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. IC26-33-000]

Commission Information Collection Activity (Ferc-603); Comment Request; Extension

AGENCY: Federal Energy Regulatory Commission.

ACTION: Notice of information collection renewal and request for comments.

SUMMARY: In compliance with the requirements of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (Commission or FERC) is soliciting public comment on the currently approved information collection, FERC-603: Critical Energy/Electric Infrastructure Information Data Request (OMB Control No 1902-0197). There are no proposed changes to the reporting requirements.

DATES: Comments on the collections of information are due September 25, 2026.

ADDRESSES: Please submit comments via email to DataClearance@FERC.gov. You must specify the Docket No. (IC26-33-000) and the FERC Information Collection number (FERC-603) in your email. If you are unable to file electronically, comments may be filed by USPS mail or by hand (including courier) delivery:

- *Mail via U.S. Postal Service only, addressed to:* Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, Secretary of the Commission, 888 First Street NE, Washington, DC 20426.

- *Hand (including courier) delivery to:* Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 12225 Wilkins Avenue, Rockville, MD 20852.

Docket: To view comments and issuances in this docket, please visit <https://elibrary.ferc.gov/eLibrary/search>.

¹ Kram Hydro 1 is a wholly owned subsidiary of Current Hydro LLC, which acts as an agent for the applicant.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Kayla Williams may be reached by email at DataClearance@FERC.gov, or by telephone at (202) 502–6468.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:
Title: FERC–603, Critical Energy/Electric Infrastructure Information Data Request.
OMB Control No.: 1902–0197.
Type of Request: Three-year extension of the FERC–603 information collection requirements with no changes to the current reporting and recordkeeping requirements.¹
Abstract: In accordance with section 215A(d) of the Federal Power Act ² and 18 CFR 388.113, this collection of information provides that persons may seek Critical Energy/Electric Infrastructure Information (CEII). To receive CEII, they must show they have a legitimate need for such information, and they must submit a non-disclosure agreement that decreases the likelihood that such information could be used to plan or execute terrorist attacks.
This collection of information provides an alternative to seeking CEII in accordance with the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA).³ That statute requires federal agencies to disclose the requested information unless one or more of several FOIA exemptions justifies withholding of the requested information. In the case of CEII, two FOIA exemptions are likely to apply to CEII,⁴ and frequently result in a

decision to withhold the information from the FOIA requester. The Commission realizes that this process could prevent people with a legitimate need for CEII from obtaining such information. For example, market participants seeking to develop new or expanded energy resources may have such a need.
In the aftermath of the September 11, 2001, terrorist attacks, the Commission determined that it was important to improve the appropriate treatment of CEII, both to assist requesters with a legitimate need for CEII, and to restrict access to the sensitive information due to the ongoing terrorism threat. The Commission promulgated 18 CFR 388.113 to achieve those goals.
Under 18 CFR 388.13(g)(5), a request for CEII must contain:

- The requester’s name, title, address, and telephone number;
- The name, address, and telephone number of the person or entity on whose behalf the information is requested;
- A detailed Statement of Need;
- An executed non-disclosure agreement; and
- A signed statement confirming the information is accurate.

Under 18 CFR 388.133(h)(2), the non-disclosure agreement indicates the individual’s willingness to adhere to limitations on the use and disclosure of the information requested, and stipulates at minimum that the CEII:

- Will be utilized solely for the purpose for which it was requested;
 - May only be discussed with authorized recipients;
 - Information utilized for modelling will not be disclosed;
 - Must be kept in a secure place in a manner that would prevent unauthorized access;
 - Must be destroyed or returned to the Commission upon request;
 - Is strictly prohibited from disclosure to anyone outside the United States; and
 - Is not subject to be released under either FOIA or Sunshine Laws.
- In addition, the non-disclosure agreement provides that the Commission may audit the recipient’s compliance with the non-disclosure agreement; that a recipient is obligated to protect the CEII even after a designation has lapsed ⁵ until the CEII Coordinator ⁶ determines the information should no longer be designated as CEII; and the recipient is required to promptly report all unauthorized disclosures of CEII to the Commission.
Type of Respondents: Persons seeking access to CEII.
Estimate of Annual Burden: The Commission estimates the total annual burden ⁷ and cost ⁸ for this information collection as follows.

(1) Number of respondents	(2) Annual number of responses per respondent	(3) Total number of responses (column 1 × column 2)	(4) Average burden & cost per response	(5) Total annual burden hours & total annual cost (column 3 × column 4)	(6) Cost per respondent (\$) (column 5 ÷ column 1)
100	1	100	0.3 hrs.; \$30.60	30 hrs.; \$3,060	\$30.60

Comments are invited on: (1) whether the collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the Commission, including whether the information will have practical utility; (2) the accuracy of the agency’s estimate of the burden and cost of the collection of information,

including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used; (3) ways to enhance the quality, utility and clarity of the information collection; and (4) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including the use of

automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

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¹ The CEII request form and five versions of the non-disclosure agreement (General Non-Disclosure Agreement, Media Non-Disclosure Agreement, Federal Agency Acknowledgement and Agreement, State Agency Employee Non-Disclosure Agreement, and Consultant Non-Disclosure Agreement) are posted at <https://www.ferc.gov/legal/ceii-foia/ceii.asp>.
² 16 U.S.C. 824o–1(d).
³ 5 U.S.C. 552 (2018).
⁴ The relevant FOIA exemptions are Exemption 3, which allows the withholding of information prohibited from disclosure by another statute and Exemption 7, which protects from disclosure

certain law enforcement information, including information the disclosure of which might jeopardize a person’s life or safety.
⁵ The Commission’s regulation at 18 CFR 388.113 provides criteria and procedures to designate information as CEII. A designation may last for up to five years, unless it is re-designated. A designation may be removed at any time, in whole or in part, if the Commission determines that the unauthorized disclosure of CEII can no longer be used to impair the security or reliability of the bulk-power system or distribution facilities or any other form of energy infrastructure.
⁶ The regulation at 18 CFR 375.313 delegates authority to a CEII Coordinator to receive and

review all requests for CEII, make determinations regarding such requests, establish reasonable conditions on the release of CEII, and release CEII to requesters who agree in writing to abide by the conditions set forth by the coordinator.
⁷ “Burden” is the total time, effort, or financial resources expended by persons to generate, maintain, retain, or disclose or provide information to or for a federal agency. For further explanation of what is included in the information collection burden, refer to 5 CFR 1320.3.
⁸ FERC estimates that industry hourly costs are similar to the Commission FY 2026 average salary plus benefits of \$213,003 per year (or \$102/hour).