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Carlos D. Clay,
Deputy Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Project No. 15422–000]

Chugach Electric Association, Inc.; Notice of Preliminary Permit Application Accepted for Filing and Soliciting Comments, Motions To Intervene, and Competing Applications

On February 6, 2026, as supplemented on May 8, 2026, Chugach Electric Association, Inc. filed an application for a preliminary permit, pursuant to section 4(f) of the Federal Power Act (FPA), proposing to study the feasibility of the Canyon Creek Hydroelectric Project No. 15422 (project), to be located on Canyon Creek, in Kenai Peninsula Borough, Alaska. The sole purpose of a preliminary permit, if issued, is to grant the permit holder priority to file a license application during the permit term. A preliminary permit does not authorize the permit holder to perform any land-disturbing activities or otherwise enter upon lands or waters owned by others without the owners' express permission.

The proposed project would consist of the following: (1) a concrete-faced rockfill embankment dam; (2) a 40-acre impoundment with a storage volume of 8,000 acre-feet at a normal maximum surface elevation of 830 feet above mean sea level; (3) a concrete intake structure on the left abutment of the dam; (4) a 2,900-foot-long, 5-foot-diameter steel penstock; (5) a 40-foot-long, 50-foot-wide concrete powerhouse containing a 6.3 megawatt Kaplan turbine-generator unit; (6) a 30-foot long, 10-foot-wide tailrace channel excavated in rock; (7) a 1,500-foot-long, 115-kilovolt transmission line extending from a new switchyard near the powerhouse to the point of interconnection with an existing transmission line adjacent to Seward Highway; and (8) appurtenant facilities. The proposed project would have an estimated average annual generation of 14,100 megawatt-hours. The project would be located on federal lands managed by the U.S. Forest Service in the Chugach National Forest.

Applicant Contact: Dustin Highers, Chugach Electric Association, Inc., 5601 Electron Drive, Anchorage, AK 99518; phone: (907) 563–7494.

FERC Contact: John Matkowski; phone: (202) 502–8576, or by email at *john.matkowski@ferc.gov*.

Deadline for filing comments, motions to intervene, competing applications (without notices of intent), or notices of intent to file competing applications: by 5:00 p.m. Eastern Time on October 20, 2026. Competing applications and notices of intent must meet the requirements of 18 CFR 4.36.

The Commission strongly encourages electronic filing. Please file comments, motions to intervene, notices of intent, and competing applications using the Commission's eFiling system at <https://ferconline.ferc.gov/eFiling.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>. 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. The first page of any filing should include docket number P–15422–000.

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*.

More information about this project, including a copy of the application, can be viewed on the Commission's website (<http://www.ferc.gov>) using the "eLibrary" link. Enter the docket number, excluding the last three digits (P–15422), in the docket number field to access the document. For assistance, contact FERC Online Support.

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Debbie-Anne A. Reese,
Secretary.

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[Project No. 2600–088]

Bangor-Pacific Hydro Associates; Notice of Intent To Prepare an Environmental Assessment

On May 27, 2022, Bangor-Pacific Hydro Associates (Bangor Hydro) filed an application to relicense the 1,300-kilowatt West Enfield Hydroelectric Project No. 2600. The project is located on the Penobscot River in Penobscot County, Maine.

In accordance with the Commission's regulations, on December 9, 2025, Commission staff issued a notice that the project was ready for environmental analysis (REA notice).¹ 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.²

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	June 30, 2027.

Any questions regarding this notice may be directed to Michael Watts by telephone at (202) 502–6123 or by email at *michael.watts@ferc.gov*.

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¹ Subsequently, on January 12, 2026, and April 22, 2026, the Commission granted two requests from Bangor Hydro to extend the deadlines established in the REA notice by 120 and 60 days, respectively.

² For tracking purposes under the National Environmental Policy Act, the unique identification number for documents relating to this environmental review is EAXX–019–20–000–1784196507.