

inlet filter separators, and gas cooling equipment, emergency generator, fuel gas heater, and other minor equipment; and

- construct a new, permanent access road and driveway.

The Commission mailed a copy of the *Notice of Availability* of the EA to federal, state, and local government representatives and agencies; elected officials; Native American tribes; environmental and public interest groups; potentially affected landowners and other interested individuals and groups; and libraries and media outlets in the project area. The EA is only available in electronic format. It may be viewed and downloaded from the FERC's website (www.ferc.gov), on the natural gas environmental documents page (<https://www.ferc.gov/industries-data/natural-gas/environment/environmental-documents>). In addition, the EA may be accessed by using the eLibrary link on the FERC's website. Click on the eLibrary link (<https://elibrary.ferc.gov/eLibrary/search>), select "General Search" and enter the docket number in the "Docket Number" field, excluding the last three digits (*i.e.*, CP26-46). Be sure you have selected an appropriate date range. For assistance, please contact FERC Online Support at FercOnlineSupport@ferc.gov or toll free at (866) 208-3676, or for TTY, contact (202) 502-8659.

The EA is not a decision document. It presents Commission staff's independent analysis of the environmental issues for the Commission to consider when addressing the merits of all issues in this proceeding. Under section 7(c) of the NGA, the Commission determines whether interstate natural gas transportation facilities are in the public convenience and necessity and, if so, grants a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity to construct and operate them. Section 7(b) of the NGA specifies that no natural gas company shall abandon any portion of its facilities subject to the Commission's jurisdiction without the Commission first finding that the abandonment will not negatively affect the present or future public convenience and necessity. The Commission bases its decisions on both economic issues, including need, and environmental effects.

Your comments should focus on the EA's disclosure and discussion of potential environmental effects, reasonable alternatives, and measures to avoid or lessen environmental effects. The more specific your comments, the more useful they will be. For your convenience, there are three methods

you can use to file your comments to the Commission. The Commission encourages electronic filing of comments and has staff available to assist you at (866) 208-3676 or FercOnlineSupport@ferc.gov. Please carefully follow these instructions so that your comments are properly recorded.

(1) You can file your comments electronically using the eComment feature on the Commission's website (www.ferc.gov) under the link to FERC Online. This is an easy method for submitting brief, text-only comments on a project;

(2) You can also file your comments electronically using the eFiling feature on the Commission's website (www.ferc.gov) under the link to FERC Online. With eFiling, you can provide comments in a variety of formats by attaching them as a file with your submission. New eFiling users must first create an account by clicking on "eRegister." You must select the type of filing you are making. If you are filing a comment on a particular project, please select "Comment on a Filing"; or

(3) You can file a paper copy of your comments by mailing them to the Commission. Be sure to reference the project docket number (CP26-46-000) on your letter. 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.

Filing environmental comments will not give you intervenor status, but you do not need intervenor status to have your comments considered. Only intervenors have the right to seek rehearing or judicial review of the Commission's decision. At this point in this proceeding, the timeframe for filing timely intervention requests has expired. Any person seeking to become a party to the proceeding must file a motion to intervene out-of-time pursuant to Rule 214(b)(3) and (d) of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedures (18 CFR 385.214(b)(3) and (d)) and show good cause why the time limitation should be waived. Motions to intervene are more fully described at <https://www.ferc.gov/how-intervene>.

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. Additional information about

the project is available from the FERC website (www.ferc.gov) using the eLibrary link. The eLibrary link also provides access to the texts of all formal documents issued by the Commission, such as orders, notices, and rulemakings.

In addition, the Commission offers a free service called eSubscription which allows you to keep track of all formal issuances and submittals in specific dockets. This can reduce the amount of time you spend researching proceedings by automatically providing you with notification of these filings, document summaries, and direct links to the documents. Go to <https://www.ferc.gov/ferc-online/overview> to register for eSubscription.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Project No. 7274-035]

Town of Wells; Notice of Availability of Environmental Assessment

In accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 and the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission's (Commission) regulations, 18 CFR part 380, the Office of Energy Projects has reviewed the application for a subsequent license to continue to operate and maintain the Lake Algonquin Hydroelectric Project No. 7274 (project). The project is located on the Sacandaga River in the town of Wells, Hamilton County, New York. Commission staff has prepared an Environmental Assessment (EA) for the project.¹

The EA contains staff's analysis of the potential environmental impacts of the project and concludes that licensing the project, with appropriate environmental protective measures, would not constitute a major federal action that would significantly affect the quality of the human environment.

The Commission provides all interested persons with an opportunity to view and/or print the EA via the internet through the Commission's

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

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. For assistance, contact FERC Online Support at FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov, or toll-free at (866) 208–3676, or for TTY, (202) 502–8659.

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.

Any comments should be filed on or before 5:00 p.m. Eastern Time on October 5, 2026.

The Commission strongly encourages electronic filing. Please file comments using the Commission’s eFiling system at <http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/efiling.asp>. Commenters can submit brief comments up to 10,000 characters, without prior registration, using the eComment system at <http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/ecomment.asp>. For assistance, please contact FERC Online Support. 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–7274–035.

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.

For further information, contact Samantha Pollak at (202) 502–6419, or samantha.pollak@ferc.gov.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Project No. 1971–079]

Idaho Power Company; Notice of Availability of the Final Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement for the Hells Canyon Hydroelectric Project

In accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969¹ and the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission’s (Commission) regulations, 18 CFR part 380, the Office of Energy Projects has reviewed Idaho Power Company’s (Idaho Power) application for a new license to continue to operate and maintain the Hells Canyon Hydroelectric Project No. 1971 (project) and has prepared a final supplemental environmental impact statement (SEIS) for the project.² The project is located on the Snake River in Washington and Adams Counties, Idaho, and Wallowa, Malheur, and Baker Counties, Oregon and occupies a total of about 5,270 acres of federal land administered by the U.S. Bureau of Land Management and the U.S. Department of Agriculture, Forest Service (Forest Service). The Hells Canyon Project consists of three developments (dams, reservoirs, and powerhouses) on the segment of the Snake River forming the border between Idaho and Oregon. The three developments are Brownlee, Oxbow, and Hells Canyon, which combined provide 1,222.3 megawatts of power generating capacity and an average of 5,571,005 megawatt-hours of electricity annually.

On August 31, 2007, Commission staff issued a final environmental impact statement (EIS) for the proposed relicensing of the project. On December 30, 2019, Idaho Power filed an Offer of Settlement and Stipulation and Implementation Agreement (2019 Settlement), resolving disputed issues related to spring Chinook salmon and summer steelhead passage and reintroduction with the states of Oregon and Idaho in the context of their respective water quality certifications for the project under section 401 of the Clean Water Act (401 certifications).

¹ National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, amended (Pub. L. 91–190, 42 U.S.C. 4321–4347, as amended by Pub. L. 94–52, July 3, 1975, Pub. L. 94–83, August 9, 1975, Pub. L. 97–258, 4(b), September 13, 1982, Pub. L. 118–5, June 3, 2023, Pub. L. 119–21, July 4, 2025).

² For tracking purposes under the National Environmental Policy Act, the unique identification number for documents relating to this environmental review is SEIS–019–20–000–1756911632.

Pursuant to the 2019 Settlement, the states of Oregon and Idaho each issued 401 certifications for the project on May 24, 2019. On July 8, 2020, Idaho Power filed a supplement to its license application that included new and revised environmental measures proposed under the 2019 Settlement, refinements to the proposed action, and new information on project-affected resources. On October 14, 2020, pursuant to the Endangered Species Act (ESA), Idaho Power filed revised draft biological assessments for species managed by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and the National Marine Fisheries Service, which were subsequently revised again in July 1 and July 16, 2025, filings. On October 23, 2024, Idaho Power filed a settlement agreement on behalf of itself and the Forest Service (2024 Settlement), resolving between the parties the appropriate terms and conditions pursuant to section 4(e) of the Federal Power Act to be incorporated into any new license issued for the project for the protection and utilization of federal lands administered by the Forest Service.

In accordance with Commission staff’s June 13, 2022 notice of intent to prepare a draft and final SEIS, staff has prepared this final SEIS to supplement the final EIS with analyses of the new and revised proposed measures and mandatory conditions (*i.e.*, modified 4(e) conditions and 401 certification conditions) filed subsequent to the issuance of the final EIS, as well as the potential effects of the new and revised measures on federally listed species and their designated critical habitats.

The final SEIS contains an analysis of Idaho Power’s proposal and the alternatives for relicensing the project. The final SEIS documents the views of governmental agencies, non-governmental organizations, affected Tribes, the public, the license applicant, and Commission staff.

The final SEIS may be viewed on the Commission’s website at <http://www.ferc.gov> under 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).

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